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寺沢武一のプロフィール　1955年、北海道旭川生まれ。1977年から週刊少年ジャンプ（集英社）に代表作『コブラ』を連載。『ゴクウ』に続いて発表された『バット』では、漫画家としていち早くコンピュータを使い作画、話題となる。現在はアニメーションやCG、コンピュータゲームの分野でも活躍、作品は欧米でも高い評価を得ている。

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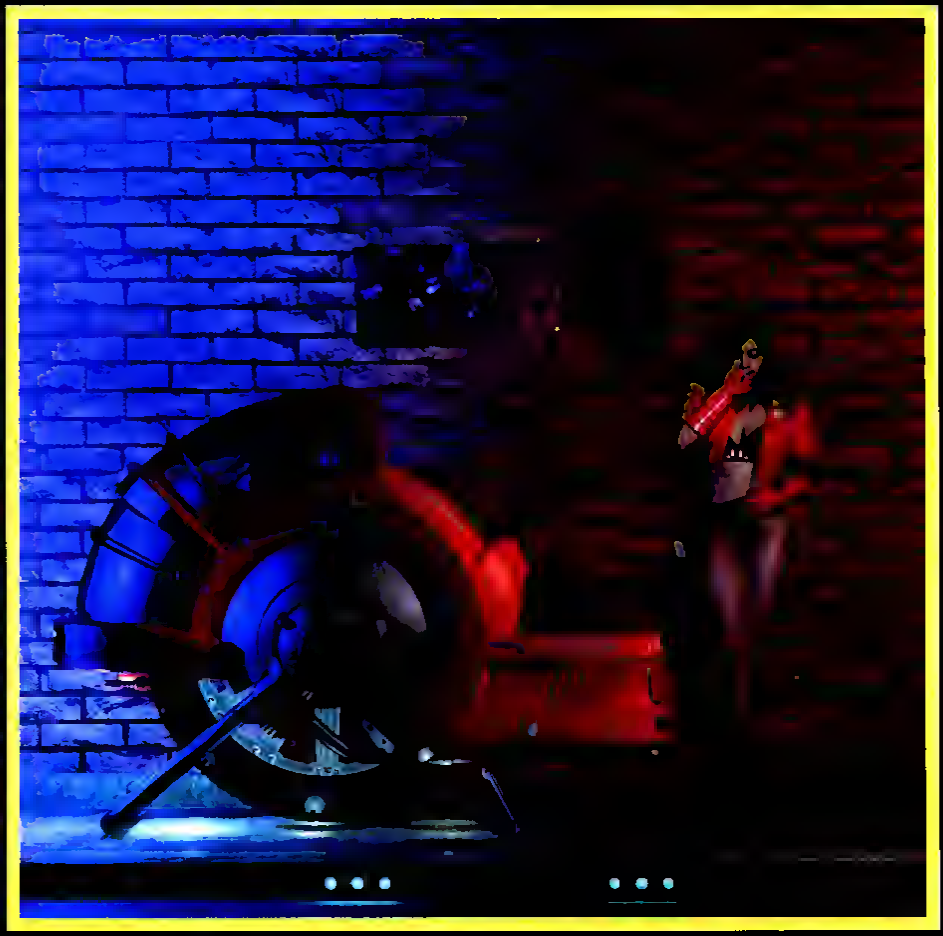

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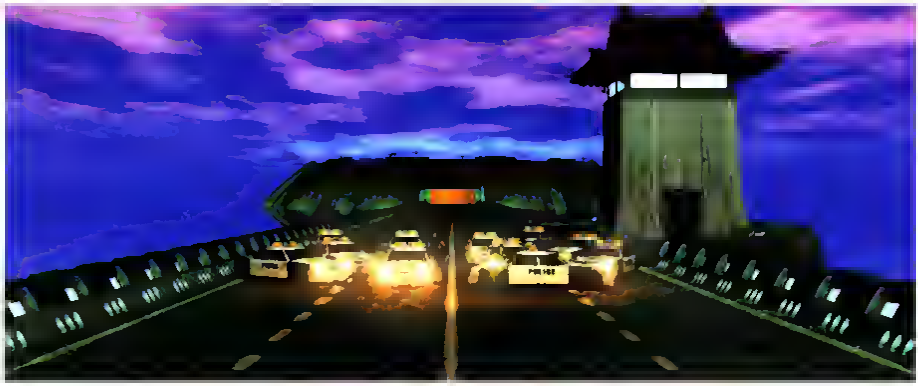
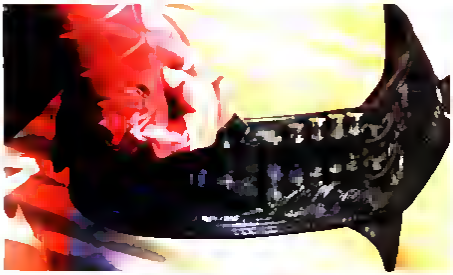
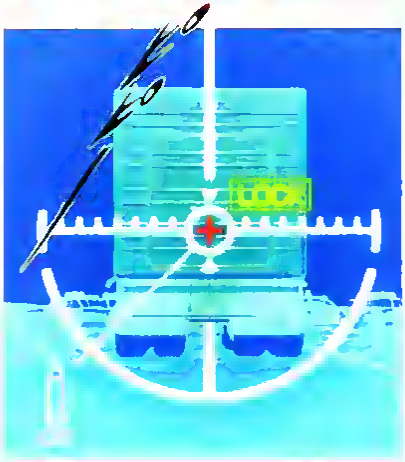
I'M IN PURSUIT ALONG THE HIGHWAY TO "DEJIMA"! CORDON OFF THE EXIT!
THIS IS GDO-8! I'VE IDENTIFIED A SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE!!
ROGER THAT! WE'LL CORDON IT OFF AND STAND GUARD!
POLICE



HERE THEY COME.



HMM...!? IT'S JUST HER BIKE. WHERE'S THE CAR SHE'S PURSUING?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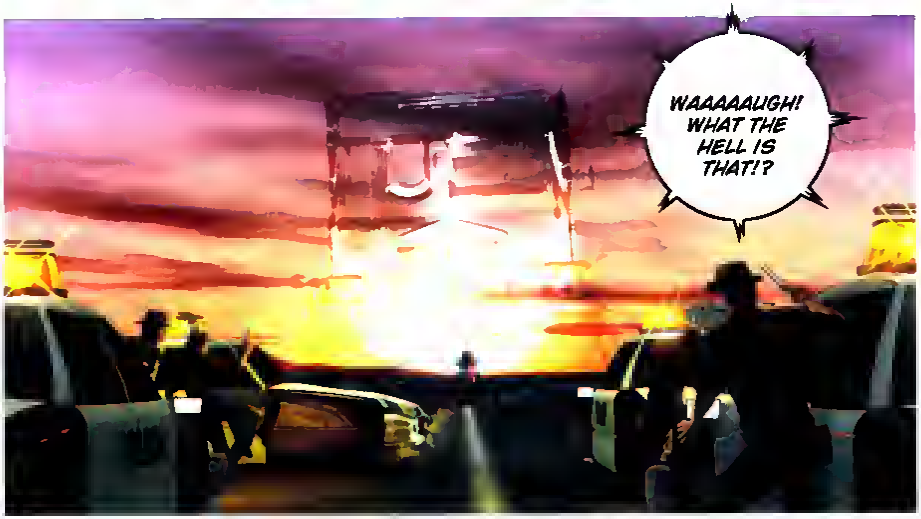
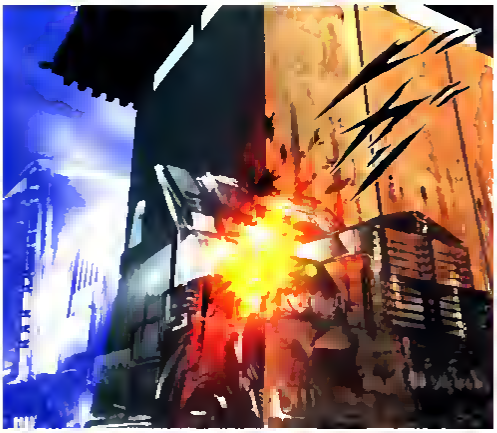
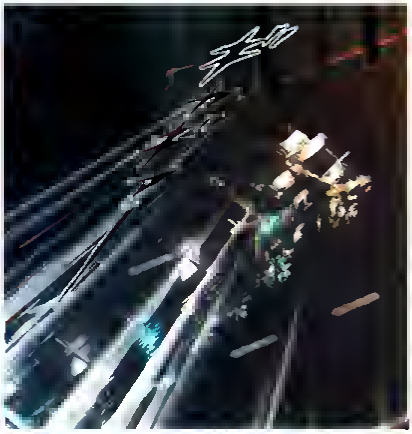

WAAAAAUGH! WHAT THE HELL IS THAT!?

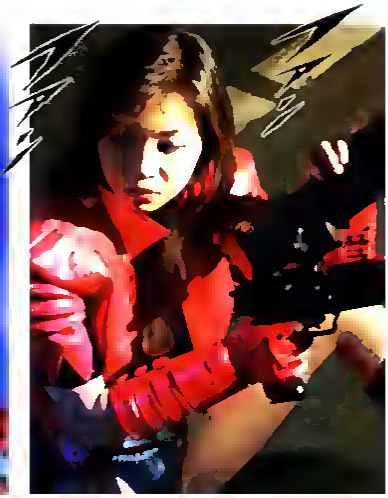
DAMMIT! OUR CLOAKING SHIELD IS VANISHING!
WAIT! WE'D BETTER TURN BACK!
WE'LL HAVE TO GO OUT GUNS BLAZING! LET'S KILL THEM ALL!
HMM!?

I'LL RUN YOU OVER!
THAT ASSHOLE!
GWAAAUGH!

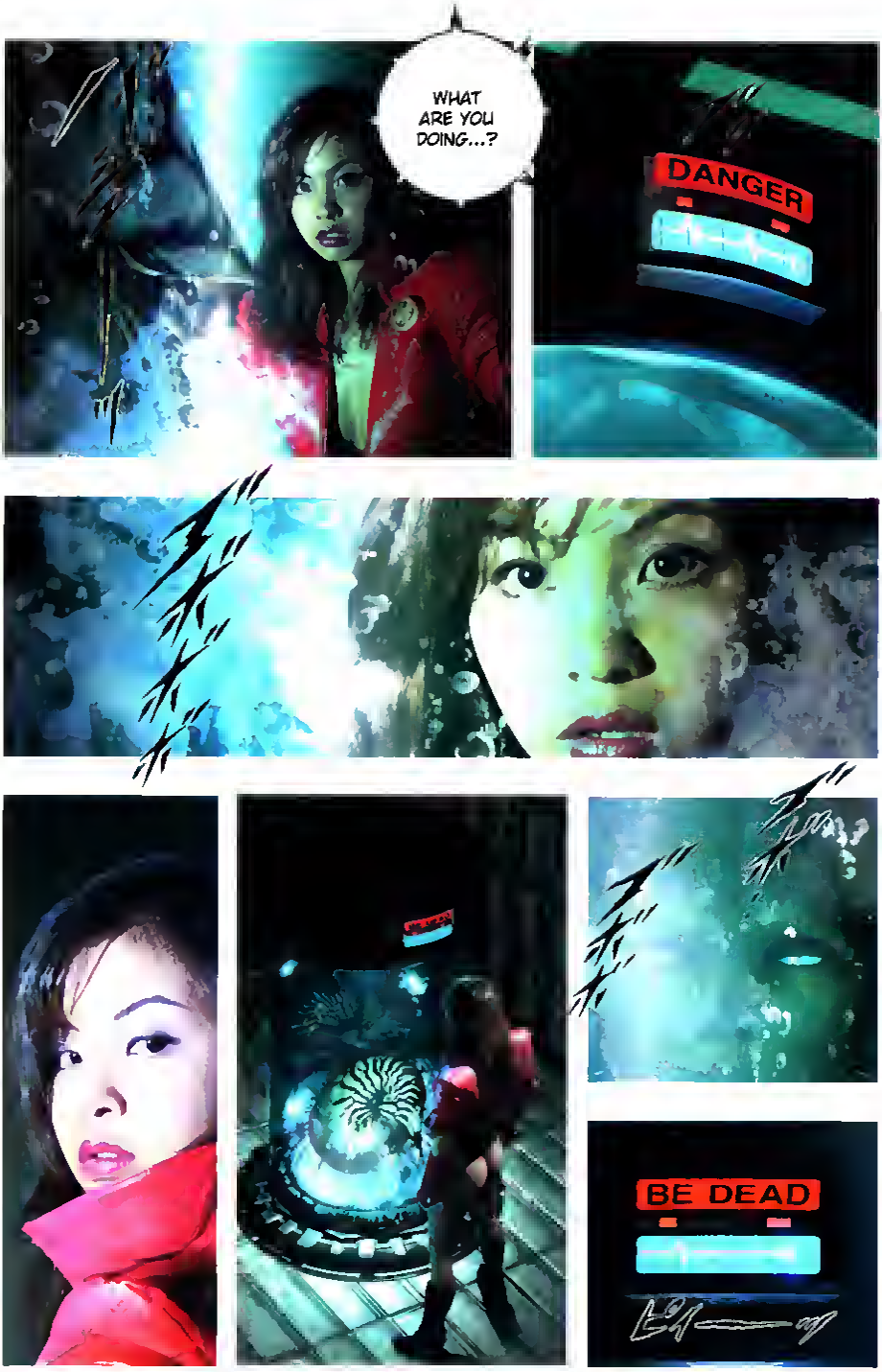
OHHH!







MUMERIANS...!
AND WHY ARE YOU MUMERIANS ILLEGALLY IMMIGRATING TO EARTH...!?


WHAT ARE YOU DOING...?
DANGER
BE DEAD

HOT LIPS...
ROYAL
THESE THINGS MUST'VE JUST BEEN HIRED MULES.
SOUNDS LIKE JUST THE KIND OF BAR WHERE THESE LOWLIVES WOULD HANG OUT.

WELL, THIS IS MIGHTY KIND OF YOU.
SO I'LL BE SURE TO SEND THE BILL TO THE "GUN DRAGONS".
THIS WILL COST US BIG TIME.
NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D USE OUR POLICE CARS AS YOUR BARRICADE.
CAN WE JUST CALL IT EVEN?
THEY ALL HAD BOUNTIES ON THEIR HEADS.
THERE WERE FIVE MEN IN THAT TRUCK... ALL WANTED.

GWAAAA
AAAUGH!

CONSIDER THAT MY TREAT.
REDD JACKSON. SERIAL SMUGGLER AND MURDERER. HE'S GOT A BOUNTY OF 10,000 DOLLARS...
I'M AOKI FROM THE DEJIMA POLICE. LET'S HEAR YOUR NAME.
I'M A GUN DRAGON FIGHTER.

GUN
DRAGON
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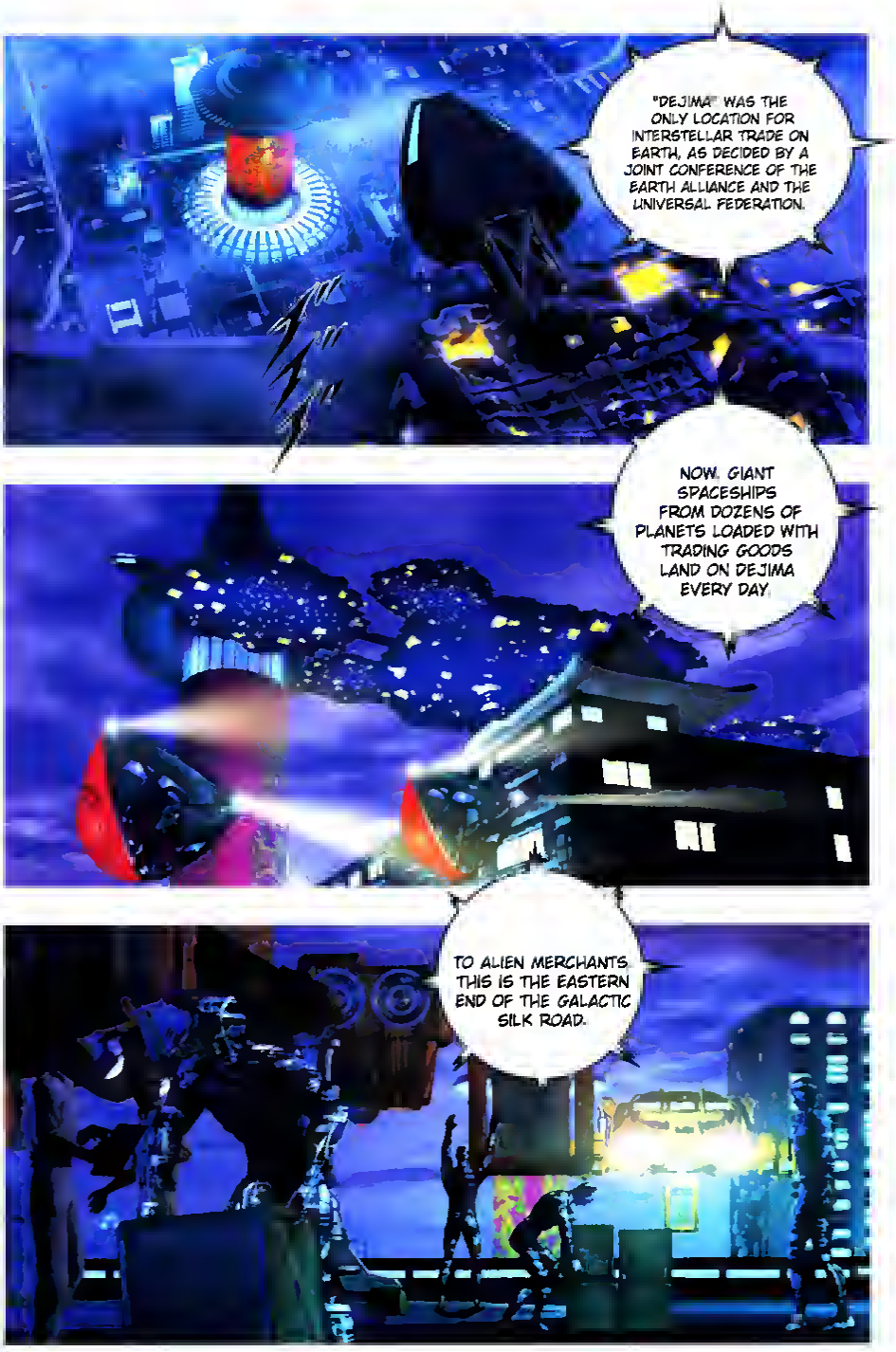
IN 1 FC (2030 AD), THE UNIVERSE'S CLANDESTINE TREATY WAS DISSOLVED, AND VISITORS FROM OTHER PLANETS ARRIVED ON EARTH.
IN ORDER TO AVOID MASS HYSTERIA OVER SUDDEN CONTACT WITH EXTRATERRESTRIAL CIVILIZATION, THE EARTH ALLIANCE LIMITED THE REGIONS WHERE ALIENS WERE ALLOWED TO ENTER.
THEY THEN BUILT A GIANT ARTIFICIAL ISLAND CALLED "DEJIMA" OFF THE SOUTHERN COAST OF OKINAWA.
ALL EXTRATERRESTRIAL SHIPS WERE FORBIDDEN FROM LANDING AT ANY PORTS BESIDES "DEJIMA".


"DEJIMA" WAS THE ONLY LOCATION FOR INTERSTELLAR TRADE ON EARTH, AS DECIDED BY A JOINT CONFERENCE OF THE EARTH ALLIANCE AND THE UNIVERSAL FEDERATION.
NOW, GIANT SPACESHIPS FROM DOZENS OF PLANETS LOADED WITH TRADING GOODS LAND ON DEJIMA EVERY DAY.
TO ALIEN MERCHANTS, THIS IS THE EASTERN END OF THE GALACTIC SILK ROAD.

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IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE PEACE OF DEJIMA, THREE POLICE ORGANIZATIONS WERE DEPLOYED TO THE ISLAND.
THE FIRST WAS THE DEJIMA POLICE, FORMED BY THE EARTH ALLIED FORCES (EAF). THE SECOND WAS THE FEDERATION POLICE, MANAGED BY THE UNIVERSAL FEDERATION.
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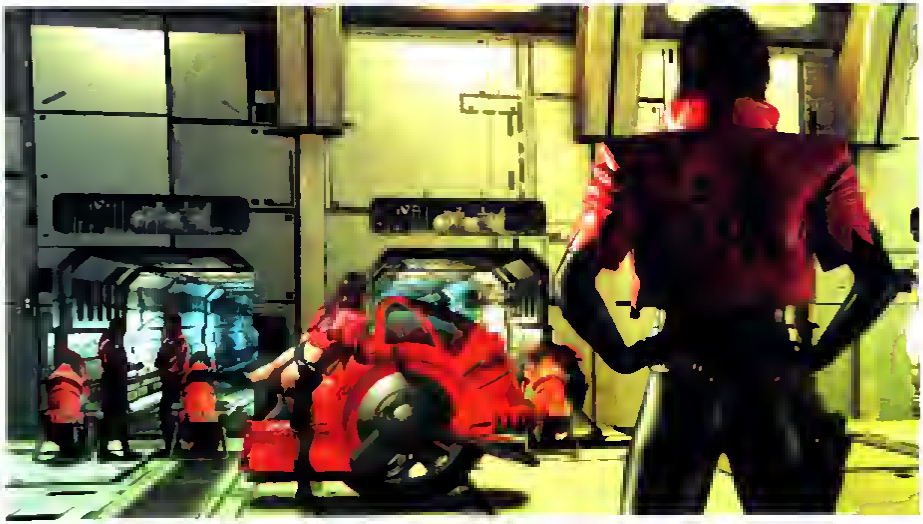
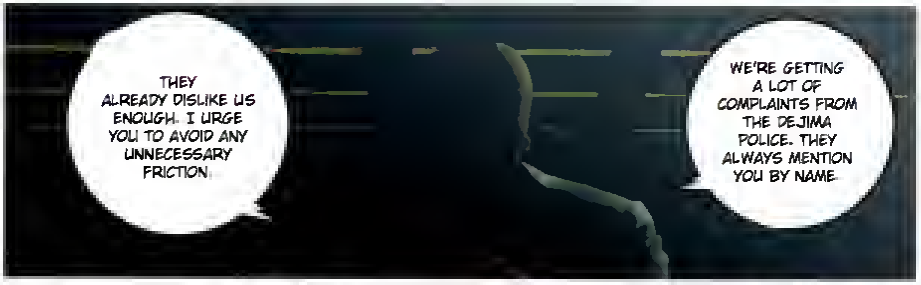
GUARDIAN OF DEJIMA • GUNDRAGON
AND THE THIRD WAS THE GUN DRAGONS! A MIXED TEAM FORMED OF BOTH ALIENS AND EARTHLINGS.

THE GUN DRAGONS PROVIDED SECURITY FOR DEJIMA WITH THEIR UNIQUE POLICE FORCE.

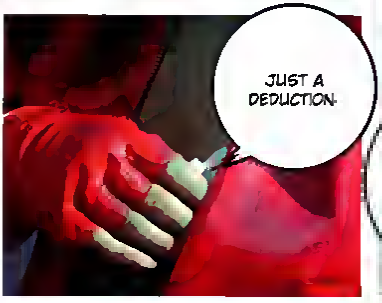


SOUNDS LIKE YOU HAD FUN OUT THERE.

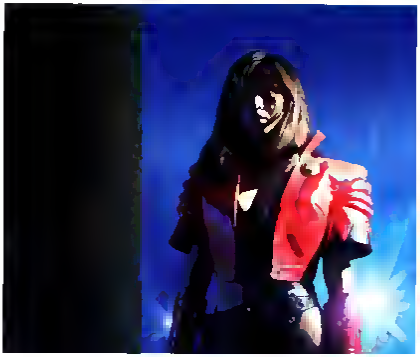

THEY ALREADY DISLIKE US ENOUGH. I URGE YOU TO AVOID ANY UNNECESSARY FRICTION.
WE'RE GETTING A LOT OF COMPLAINTS FROM THE DEJIMA POLICE. THEY ALWAYS MENTION YOU BY NAME.

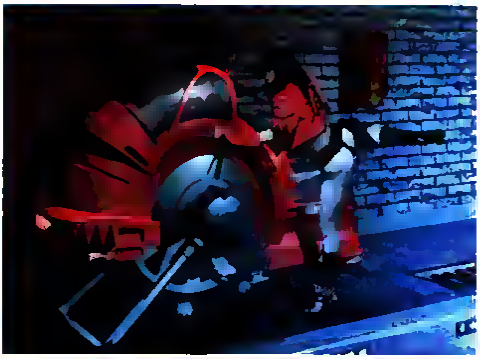
NOW. DID YOU HAVE ANY REASON TO GO SO FAR?

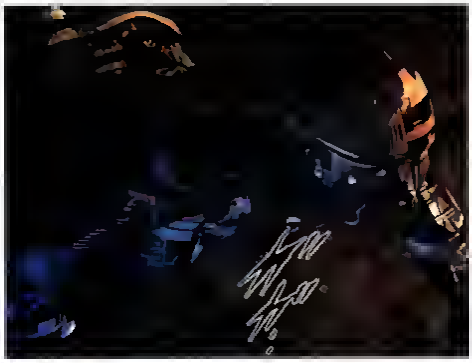
AND FROM THE SOUND OF IT, YOU WERE CHASING THAT TRUCK ALL THE WAY FROM TAIWAN
THE GUN DRAGONS ONLY HAVE JURISDICTION IN DEJIMA. ANYTHING ELSE IS OUTSIDE OF OUR PURVIEW.


JUST A DEDUCTION.

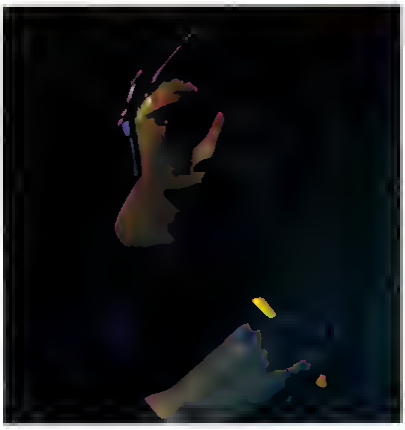
THERE WERE NO RECORDS OF THAT MUMERIAN HAVING ENTERED AT DEJIMA THEIR SPACESHIPS HAVE ONLY DOCKED ON EARTH ONCE IN THE PAST...
AND THAT WAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF GOODWILL. THE SHIP LEFT WITHOUT LEAVING ANYONE BEHIND
I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE HE USED MAGIC.
SO HOW DID HE GET HERE...?
THERE'S SOMETHING BIG BEHIND ALL OF THIS.
NO. THAT ONE'S MY INTUITION!
YOUR 'DEDUCTION' AGAIN?



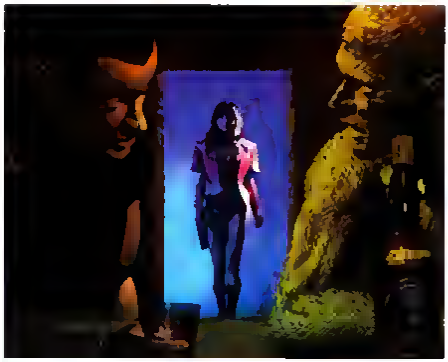


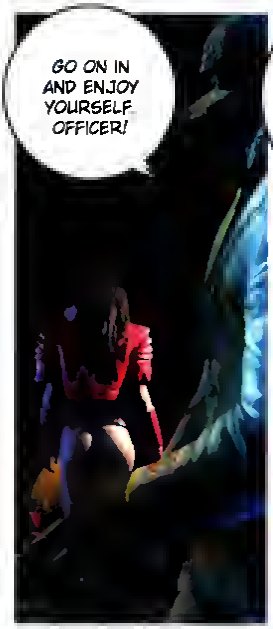


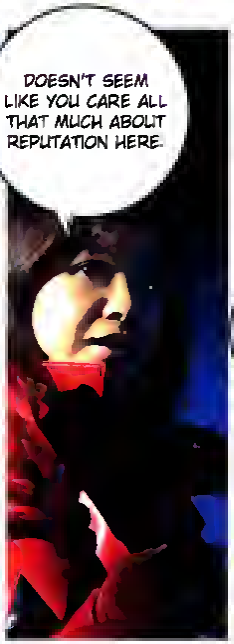
HotLips
THIS IS IT...



I'M GONNA NEED YOU TO TAKE OFF YOUR WEAPON BEFORE YOU COME IN HERE.



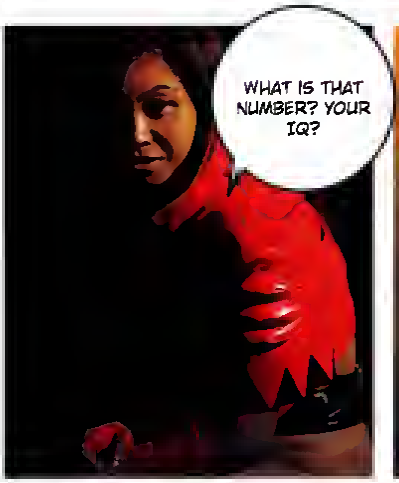

GO ON IN AND ENJOY YOURSELF, OFFICER!


DOESN'T SEEM LIKE YOU CARE ALL THAT MUCH ABOUT REPUTATION HERE.

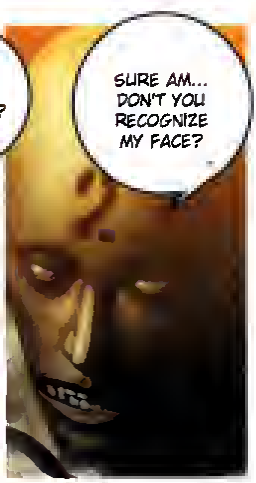
THAT WOULD RUIN OUR REPUTATION!
THAT'S JUST THE RULE. WE CAN'T MAKE AN EXCEPTION FOR YOU JUST CAUSE YOU'RE A GUN DRAGON...

ESPECIALLY NOT GUN DRAGONS!
BETTER WATCH YOUR BACK, MISSY! PEOPLE 'ROUND HERE DON'T TAKE KINDLY TO POLICE!
NOBODY'S AFRAID OF A GUN DRAGON WITHOUT A GUN. THEY'VE ALL GOT A BEAD ON YOUR HEAD.

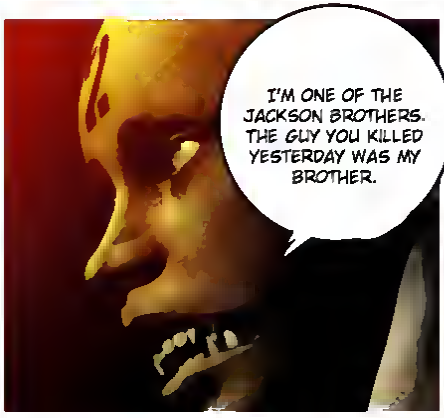
THANKS FOR THE WARNING. SO ARE YOU ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE WITH A BEAD ON MY HEAD?


WHAT IS THAT NUMBER? YOUR IQ?

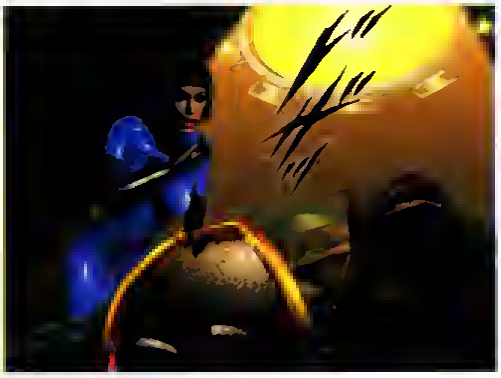
OR THIS NUMBER...?


SURE AM... DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE MY FACE?

I'M SORRY TO HEAR THAT. GUESS YOU'RE AN ONLY CHILD NOW?

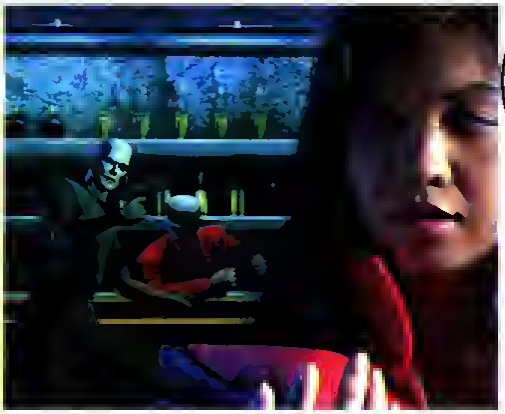

I'M ONE OF THE JACKSON BROTHERS. THE GUY YOU KILLED YESTERDAY WAS MY BROTHER.

OH, REALLY? CAUSE YOUR IQ LOOKS THE SAME.
YOU'D BETTER NOT TAKE ME LIGHTLY. I'M NOT LIKE MY BROTHER...
DIE!
DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT.



GRRKCH!

I'LL HAVE MY GUN BACK NOW.



IT LOOKS LIKE I'M THE ONLY ONE IN HERE WITHOUT ONE.

SURE, YOU CAN HAVE IT BACK! WITH AN LEAD BULLET!

AIEEE
EEEEE!

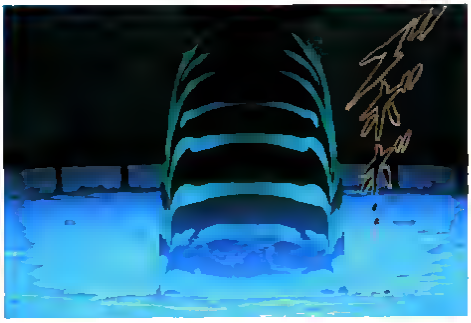
I...I DUNNO WHAT YOU RE TALKING ABOUT!
WHERE'S THE MUMERIAN?
EEEEEP!
THE GUN DRAGONS DON'T NEED WARRANTS.
IF THIS IS A CRACKDOWN, I'M GONNA NEED TO SEE YOUR SEARCH WARRANT.
YOU EITHER BE HONEST WITH ME... OR I PAINT THE FLOOR WITH YOUR BRAINS!!
THE GUN DRAGONS DON'T MAKE DEALS EITHER
A...ALRIGHT! HOW 'BOUT WE MAKE A DEAL, THEN...?

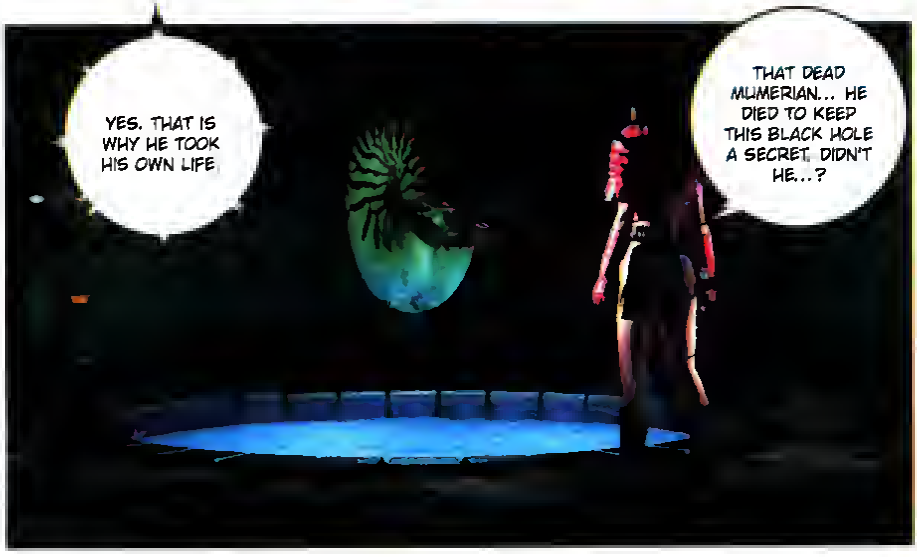
OVER THERE...!!
!!
IS THAT...?

CORRECT...

A MINIATURE BLACK HOLE!?

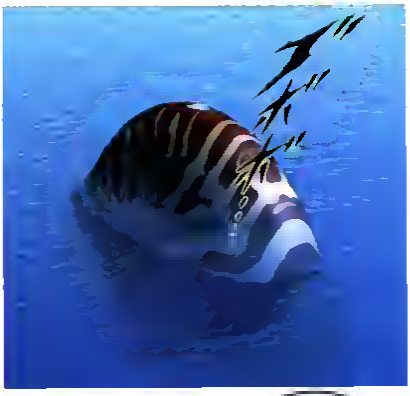
A MUMERIAN... I KNEW YOU'D BE HERE.




YES. THAT IS WHY HE TOOK HIS OWN LIFE
THAT DEAD MUMERIAN... HE DIED TO KEEP THIS BLACK HOLE A SECRET, DIDN'T HE...?

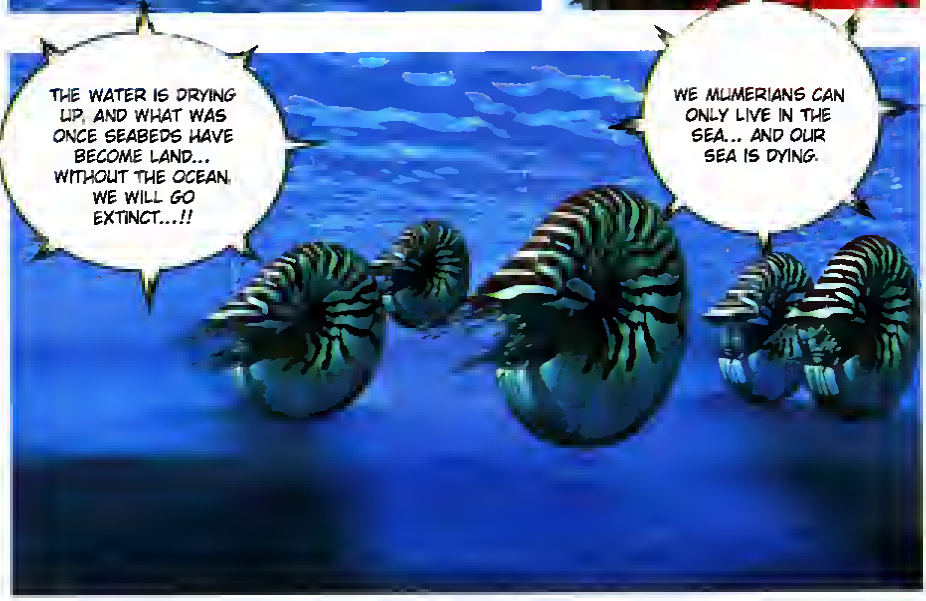
I KNOW... BUT OUR PLANET IS IN SUCH DIRE STRAITS THAT WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO BREAK THE LAW...
BLACK HOLES ARE CONTRABAND! THEY'RE STRICTLY FORBIDDEN TO BE BROUGHT ONTO EARTH.
FOLLOW ME. I WILL SHOW YOU EVERYTHING.
THE BLACK HOLE IS CAPABLE OF WARPING SPACE AND CONDENSING TIME.

OUR HOMEWORLD FIVE THOUSAND LIGHT YEARS AWAY.
WHAT'S ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS TUNNEL...?
A DIMENSIONAL TUNNEL...!!
WE MUST MAKE HASTE. WE CANNOT LIVE FOR LONG IN THE ATMOSPHERE



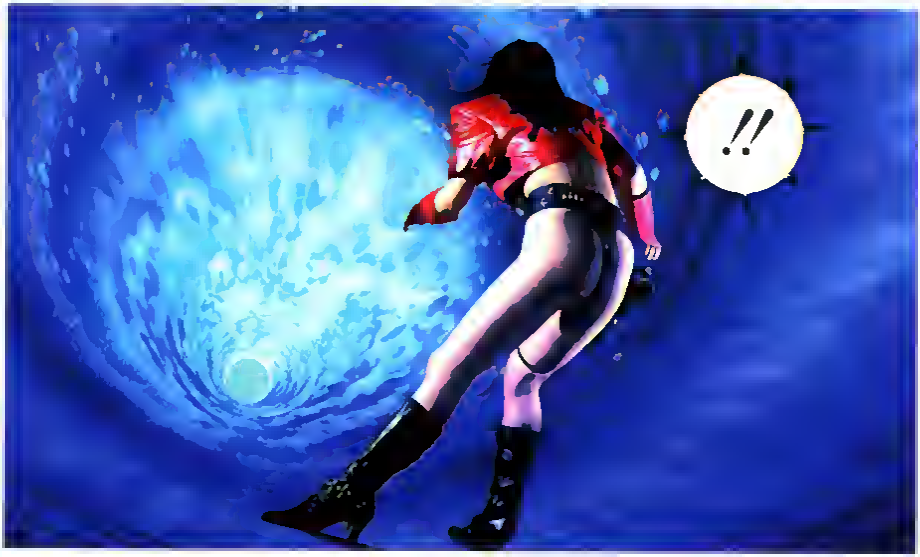
BUT IT IS DEATH FOR WE MUMERIANS
THAT MAY BE SO FOR YOU LAND-DWELLERS

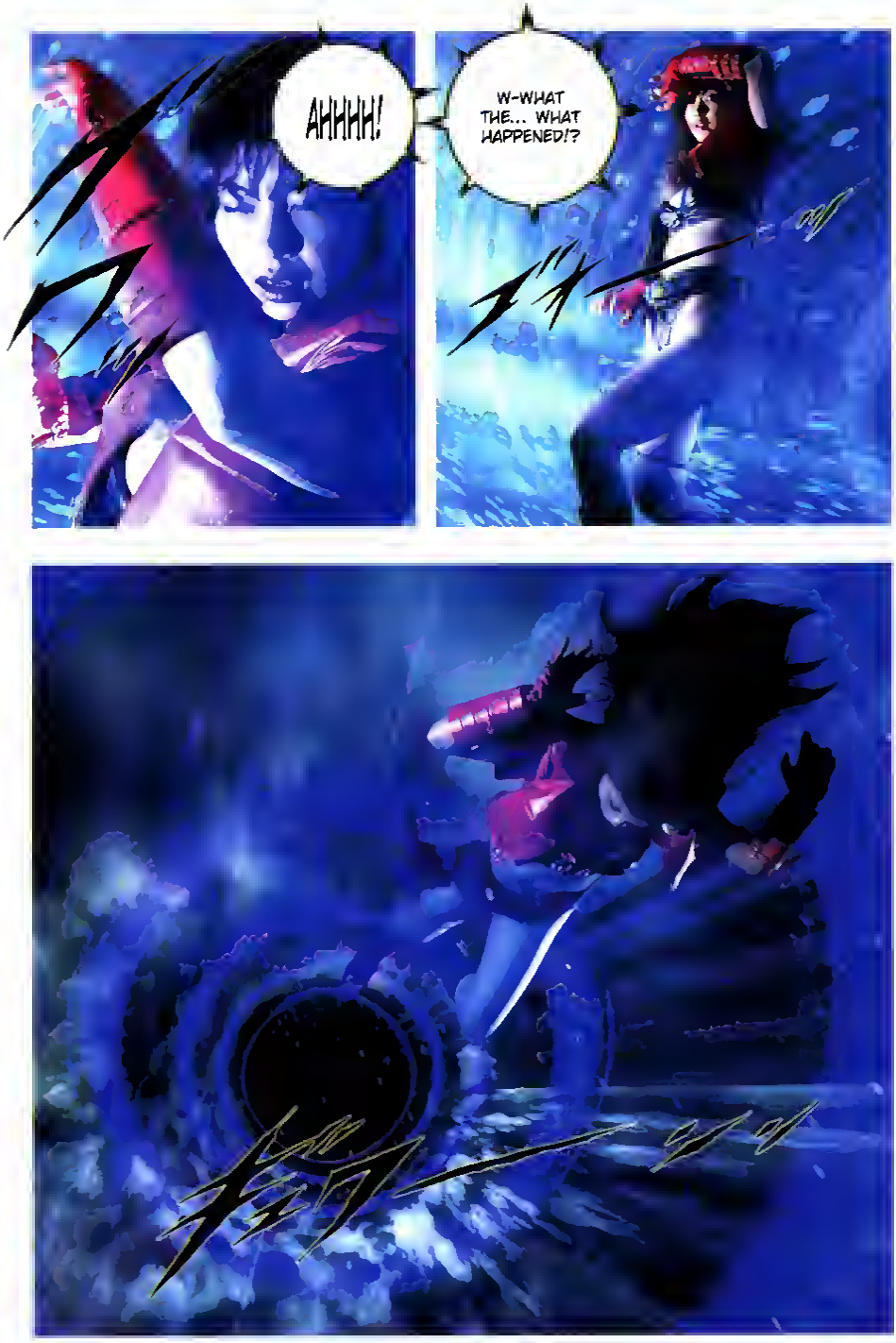
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL PLANET... SUCH WIDE, LUSH LAND...


THE WATER IS DRYING UP, AND WHAT WAS ONCE SEABEDS HAVE BECOME LAND... WITHOUT THE OCEAN, WE WILL GO EXTINCT...!!
WE MUMERIANS CAN ONLY LIVE IN THE SEA... AND OUR SEA IS DYING.

OUR COMRADE LEFT DEJIMA TO STUDY THE QUALITY OF EARTH'S OCEAN.
WE NEED SEAWATER. LIVING SEAWATER.
AND YOU NEED THE BLACK HOLE TO TRANSPORT ALL THAT SEAWATER, RIGHT?
EARTH'S OCEANS ARE JUST WHAT WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR.
BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THEY CAN BE WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION!
YOU KNOW ABOUT THE SPACE TREATY, DON'T YOU? MINIATURE BLACK HOLES CAN BE GATEWAYS THAT CONNECT PLANETS...

SINCE THEN... ALL INTERPLANETARY BLACK HOLE PROLIFERATION, FOR ANY REASON, HAS BEEN STRICTLY PROHIBITED!!
AND THERE'S NO END TO THE NUMBER OF PLANETS DESTROYED BY BLACK HOLES USED AS WEAPONS.
BUT IT WILL TAKE SEVEN YEARS FOR OUR SPACESHIPS TO REACH EARTH!
THIS BLACK HOLE WILL BE CONFISCATED BY THE EARTH GOVERNMENT, THEN DISPOSED OF IN DEEP SPACE.
THEN I'LL SEE YOU IN SEVEN YEARS.

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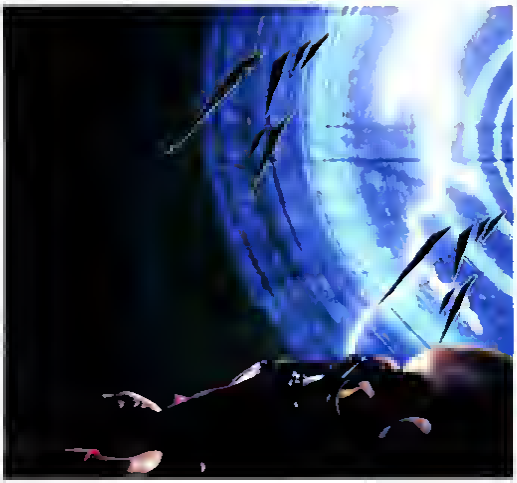
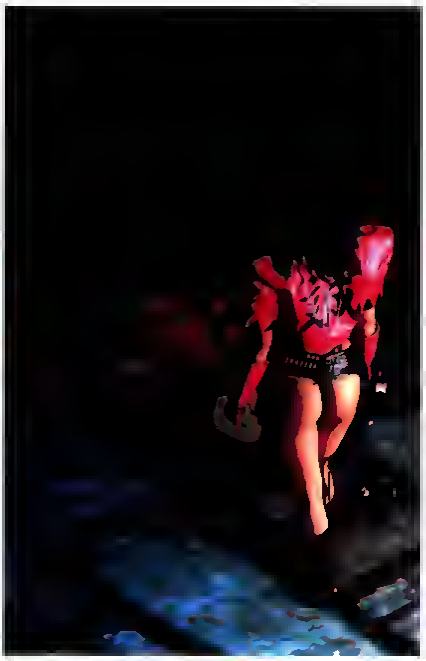
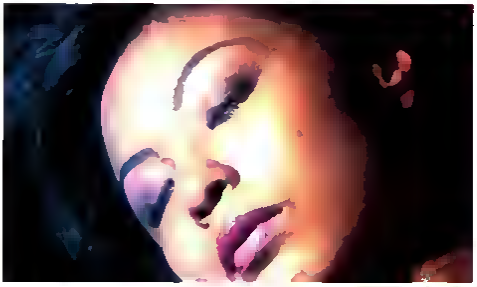
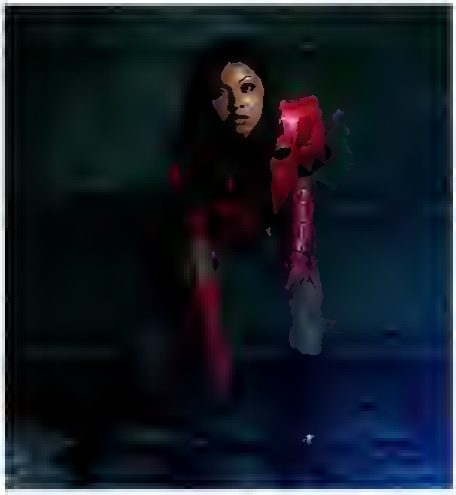
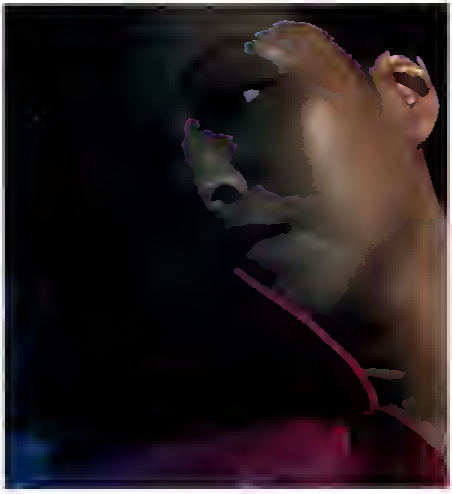
W-WHAT THE... WHAT HAPPENED!?

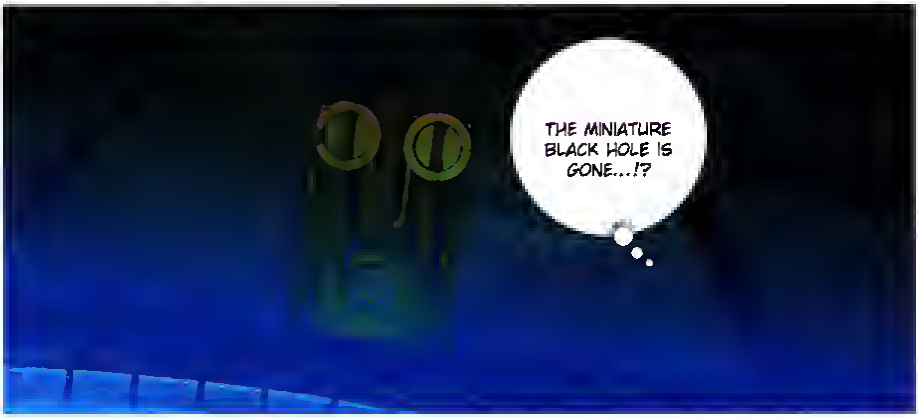











THE MINIATURE BLACK HOLE IS GONE...!?

MY BODY...!
WHAT HAPPENED IN THAT DIMENSIONAL TUNNEL...?
IT FEELS LIKE I'VE BEEN SPLIT IN TWO!
A MINIATURE BLACK HOLE
IT CAN BE AN INTERPLANETARY GATEWAY IF USED FOR PEACE...

AND THE BLACK HOLE HAS ALREADY TURNED SO MANY PLANETS INTO SPACE DUST!
AND HUMANITY IS A PITIFUL RACE... WE PREFER DESTRUCTION TO PEACE.
BUT AT THE SAME TIME, IT CAN BE A WEAPON OF MASS DESTRUCTION.
AND THAT'S WHY NO BLACK HOLES WILL BE BROUGHT INTO EARTH ON THE GUN DRAGONS' WATCH!!
SIGMA! FIND THE BLACK HOLE! THE FATE OF THE EARTH IS AT STAKE HERE!
BUT IT WASN'T THE MUMERIAN WHO BROUGHT THAT BLACK HOLE HERE... THEY DON'T HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY TO TRAP A BLACK HOLE...
KONDO... THERE'S MORE TO THIS THAN MEETS THE EYE.

THAT BAR'S MANAGER WAS A LONGIAN... AND THE OWNER, IPSON, IS ALSO A LONGIAN...
IT'S POSSIBLE THE LONGIANS WERE LETTING THE MUMERIANS USE THEIR BLACK HOLE!

I HEAR THAT BACKDOOR DEALS ARE THE LONGIANS' FORTE. ISN'T THAT RIGHT, MR. IPSON?

MR. IPSON, THE SEVEN STAR SOCIETY ISN'T JUST ANY OLD SECRET CLUB.

WHAT!? HOW RUDE!
NOW, NOW. CALM DOWN, NORTHERN.

NO. I JUST HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT DEEP DOWN, YOU'RE ACTUALLY INTERESTED IN THIS BLACK HOLE.

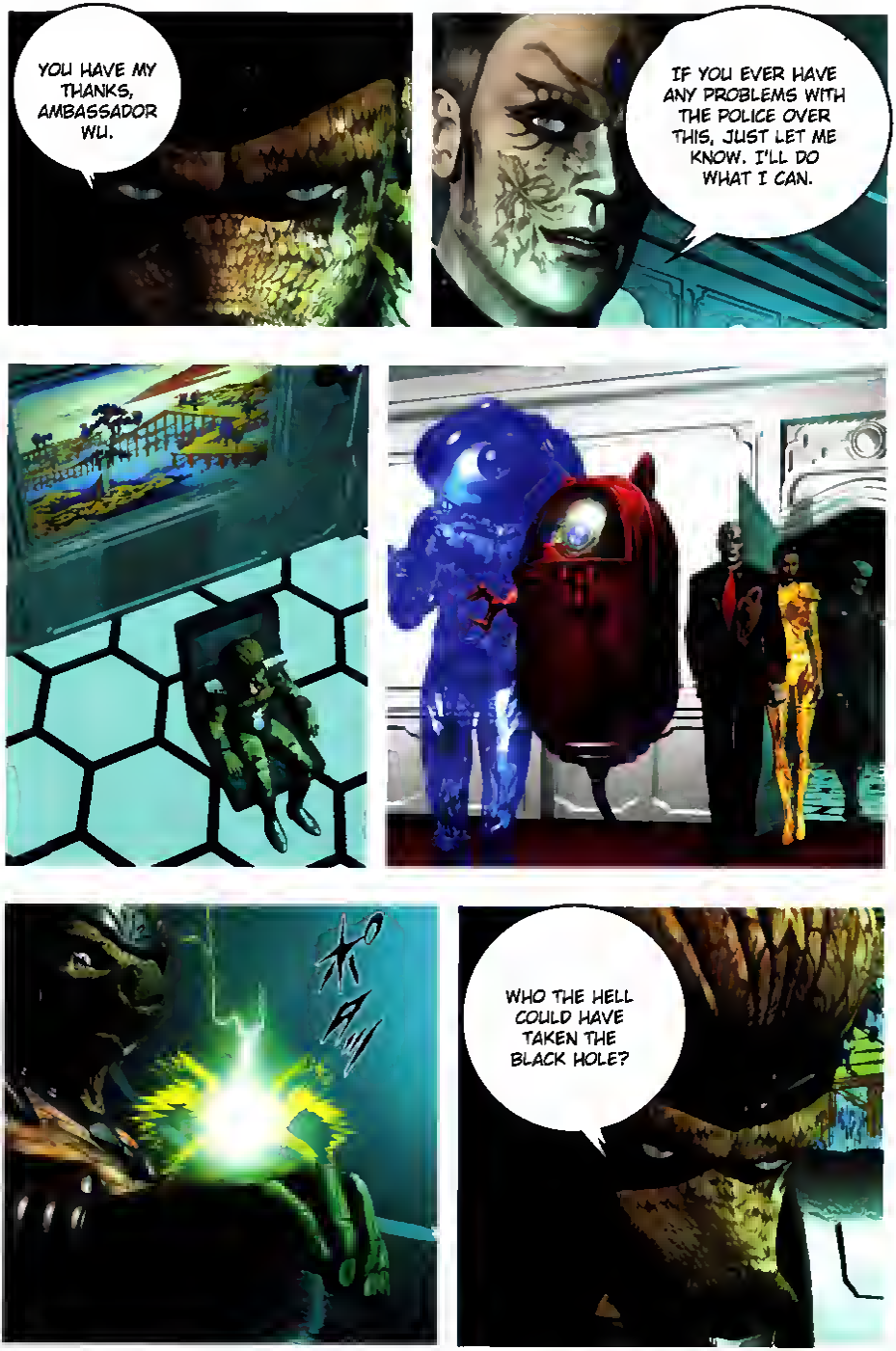
WHATEVER THE CASE, WE'RE ALL ALLIES.

IT LOOKS LIKE MR IPSON DID WHAT HE DID OUT OF CONCERN FOR THE MUMERIANS' PLIGHT.

WE DO NOT TAKE KINDLY TO UNILATERAL ACTIONS, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO BLACK HOLES! THOSE ARE FORBIDDEN BY SPACE LAWS!
GROLL IS RIGHT. THIS SOCIETY EXISTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLABORATION IN THE PURSUIT OF OUR MUTUAL BEST INTERESTS.

AMBASSADOR WU! ISN'T THAT SORT OF TALK UNBECOMING OF A PLANETARY AMBASSADOR!?

WELL. THIS IS A SURPRISE. I NEVER TOOK YOU TO BE SUCH A NARC, NORTHERN.


YOU HAVE MY THANKS, AMBASSADOR WU.
IF YOU EVER HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THE POLICE OVER THIS, JUST LET ME KNOW. I'LL DO WHAT I CAN.
WHO THE HELL COULD HAVE TAKEN THE BLACK HOLE?

EEEP!
YOU FILTHY SCOUNDREL! I WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY WITH THIS!
IPSON, YOU PLANNED TO USE THE BLACK HOLE'S DIMENSIONAL TUNNEL TO SQUEEZE EVERY LAST CENT FROM THE MUMERIANS, DIDN'T YOU?
I...I DON'T KNOW! I MEAN IT! SOMEBODY STOLE IT!
WHERE IS THE MINIATURE BLACK HOLE? TELL ME, IPSON!

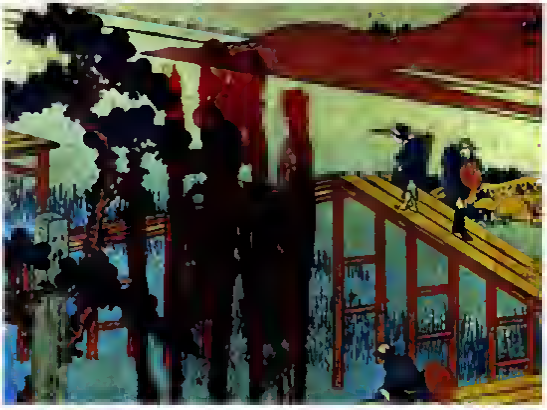
THEN DIE!

DAMMIT! WHAT HAPPENED AT THE SEVEN STAR BUILDING!?

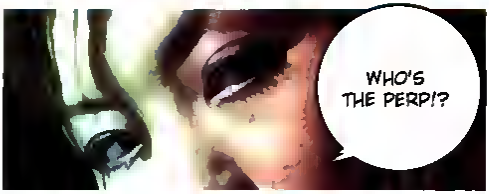
IPSON..!!

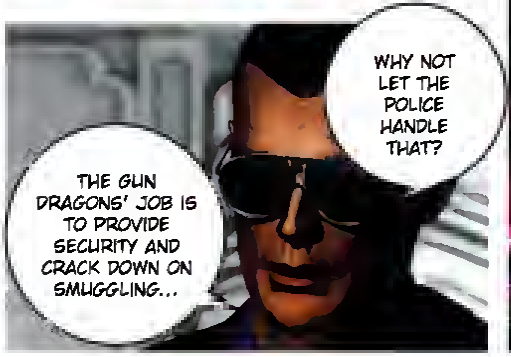
HEY, YOU! STOP!

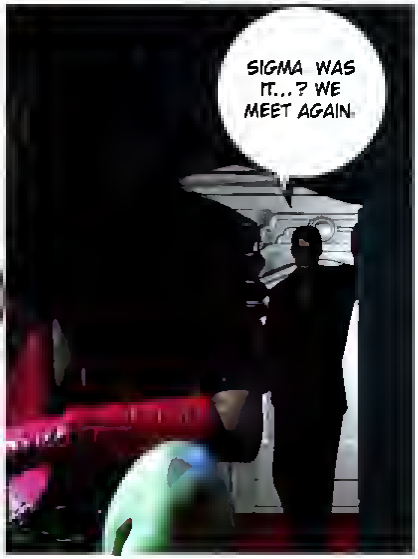
IPSON...!! I'M TOO LATE... HE HAS FULL-BODY BURNS..



WHAT COULD HAVE KILLED HIM...?

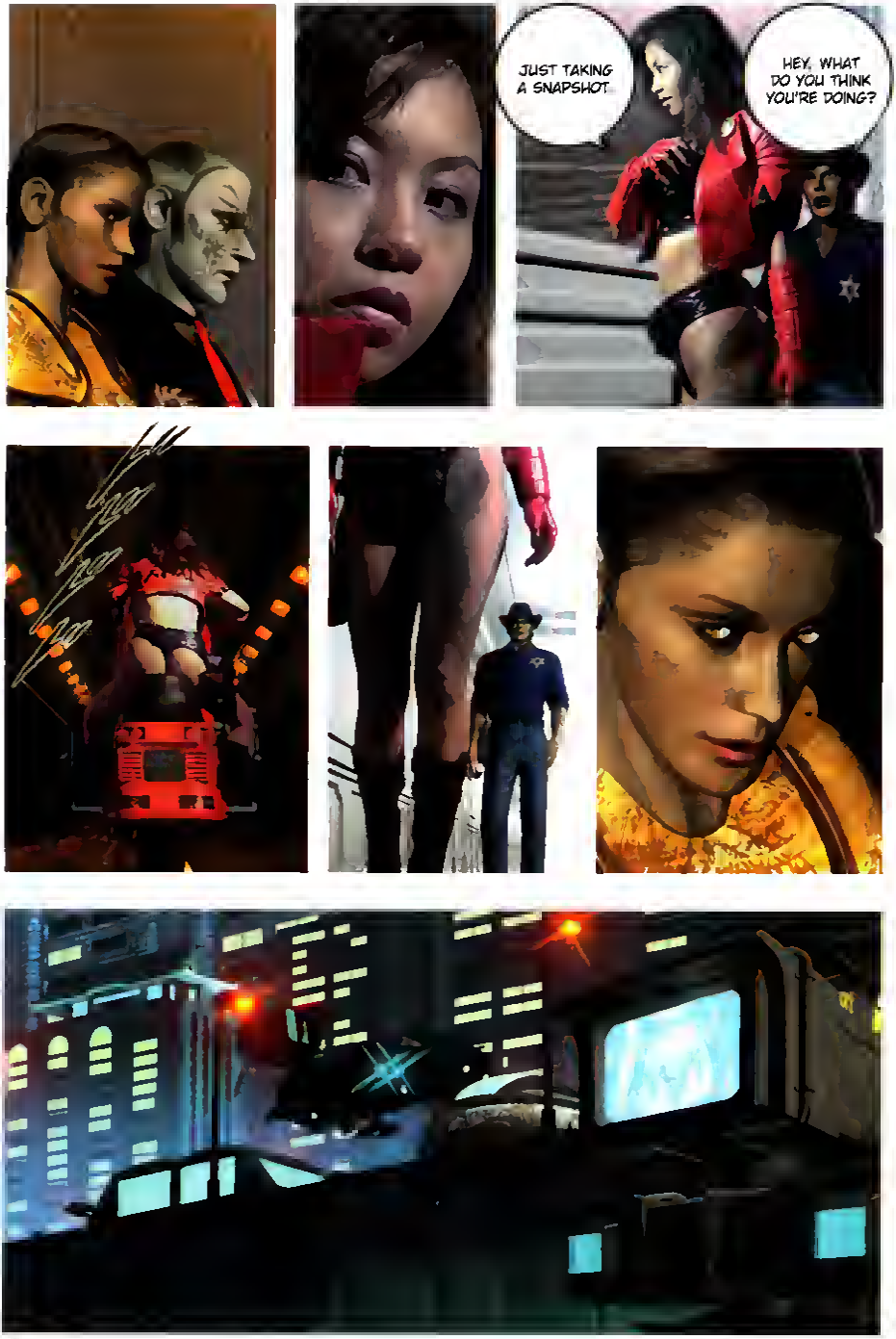

WHO'S THE PERP!?

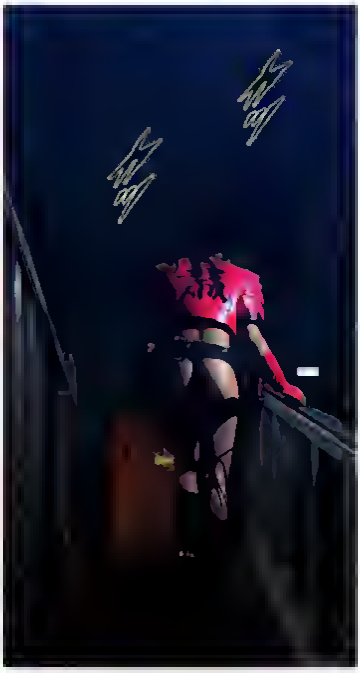

WHY NOT LET THE POLICE HANDLE THAT?
THE GUN DRAGONS' JOB IS TO PROVIDE SECURITY AND CRACK DOWN ON SMUGGLING...


SIGMA WAS IT...? WE MEET AGAIN.

BUT THIS IS A HOMICIDE. YOU'RE OUT OF YOUR ELEMENT. I'M GOING TO NEED YOU TO LEAVE.
GOOD GRIEF. FIRST THE GUN DRAGONS, NOW THE FEDERATION POLICE. THEY JUST HAVE TO MAKE OUR JOB MORE DIFFICULT...
INSPECTOR! THE FEDERATION POLICE ARE HERE! WHAT DO WE DO!?

WHO ARE THEY?
BOARD MEMBERS OF THE SEVEN STAR SOCIETY. WE'VE BROUGHT THEM IN FOR QUESTIONING.
THEN THERE'S A DROLIAN AND MAZOAN
THE MAN ON THE RIGHT IS A MIRADIAN... THE ONE NEXT TO HIM IS A GUSFARIAN
AND WHO'S SHE...?
AND THAT'S AMBASSADOR WU OF PLANET BRACH!!!


JUST TAKING A SNAPSHOT.
HEY, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?



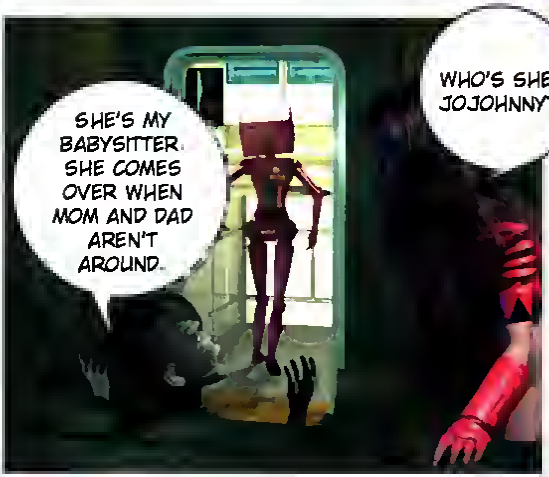
AIEEEEEEE!

OH, YOU'RE THE OLD LADY NEXT DOOR!

THAT'S THE YOUNG LADY NEXT DOOR TO YOU, JOJOHNNY!

EEEEEK! PLEASE, STOP!

OH, COME ON! YOU'RE A MACHINE! WHY ARE YOU SO SCARED OF FROGS?
THAT'S IT! THAT'S THE LAST STRAW!


SHE'S MY BABYSITTER. SHE COMES OVER WHEN MOM AND DAD AREN'T AROUND.
WHO'S SHE, JOJOHNNY?

AS YOUR PUNISHMENT, I'M NOT LETTING YOU WATCH THE NIGHT GAME!

THAT'S A PRETTY ADVANCED BOOK YOU'RE READING.
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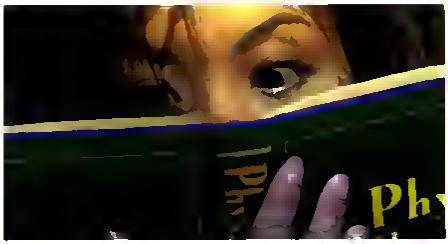
AND SHE ONLY LETS ME WATCH BORING SHOWS!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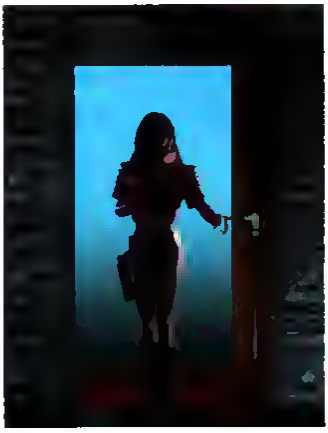
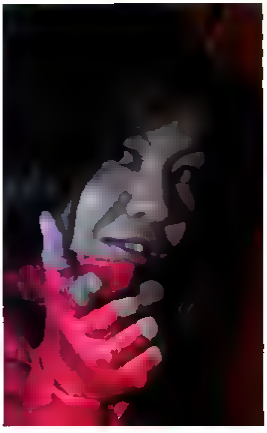
AHHH! THAT'S...!

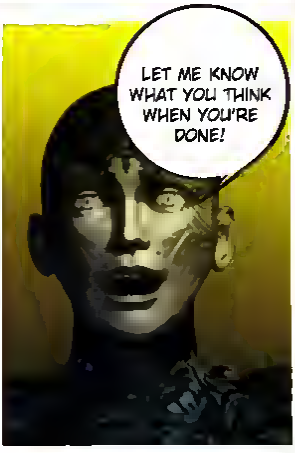
HEHEHE...

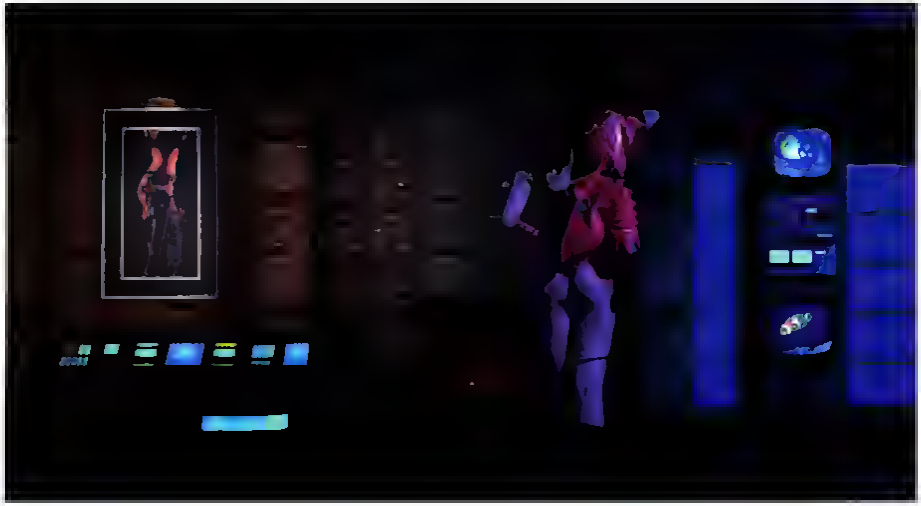
WAIT!

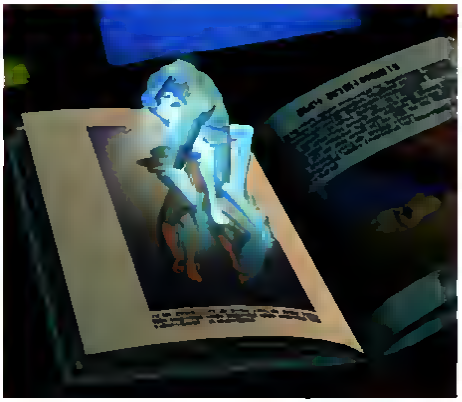
YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH STUDYING FOR ONE NIGHT. OFF TO BED.
I'LL BE BORROWING THIS.






LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU THINK WHEN YOU'RE DONE!





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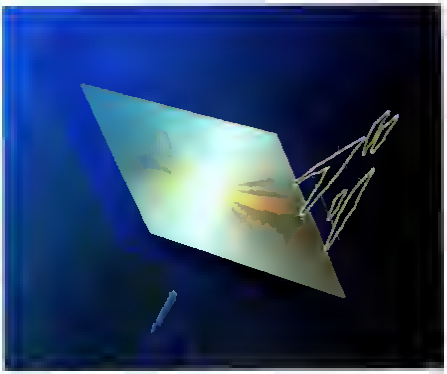
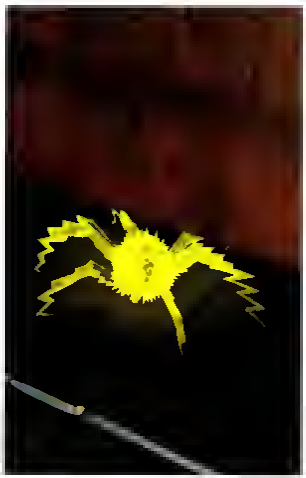
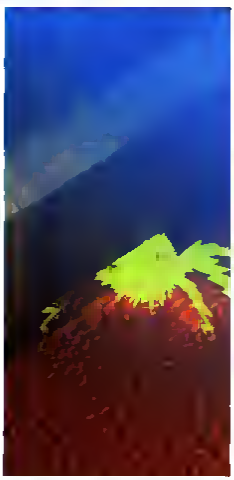
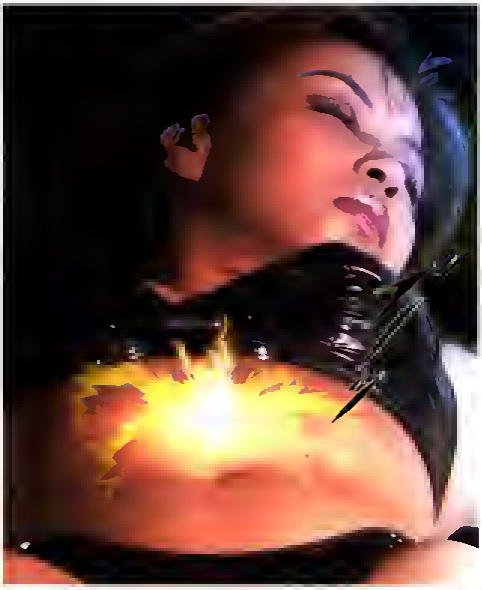
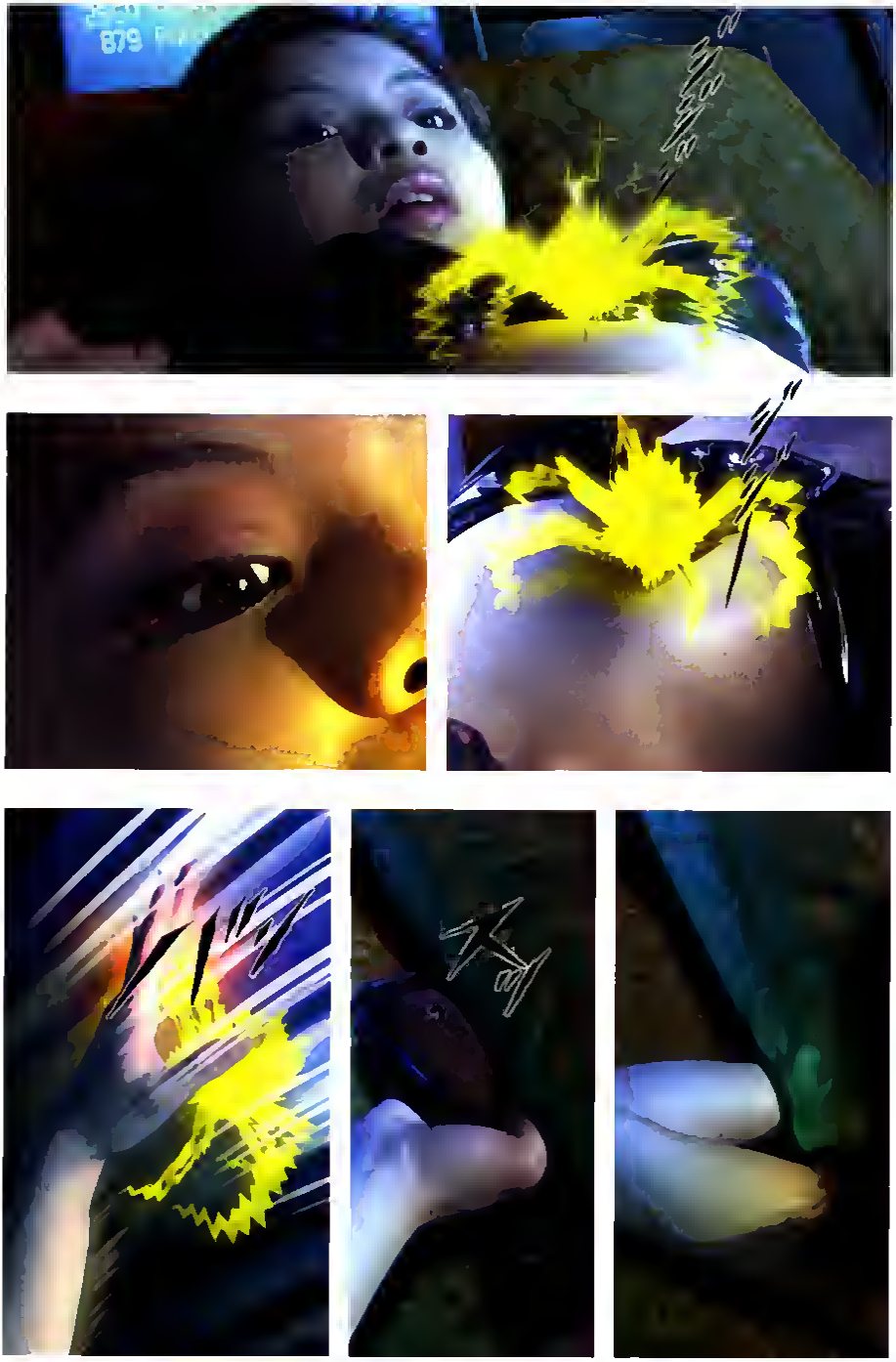
THERE WAS ANOTHER ME WITH THE DEVIL...
WHAT WAS THAT?
A DREAM...?







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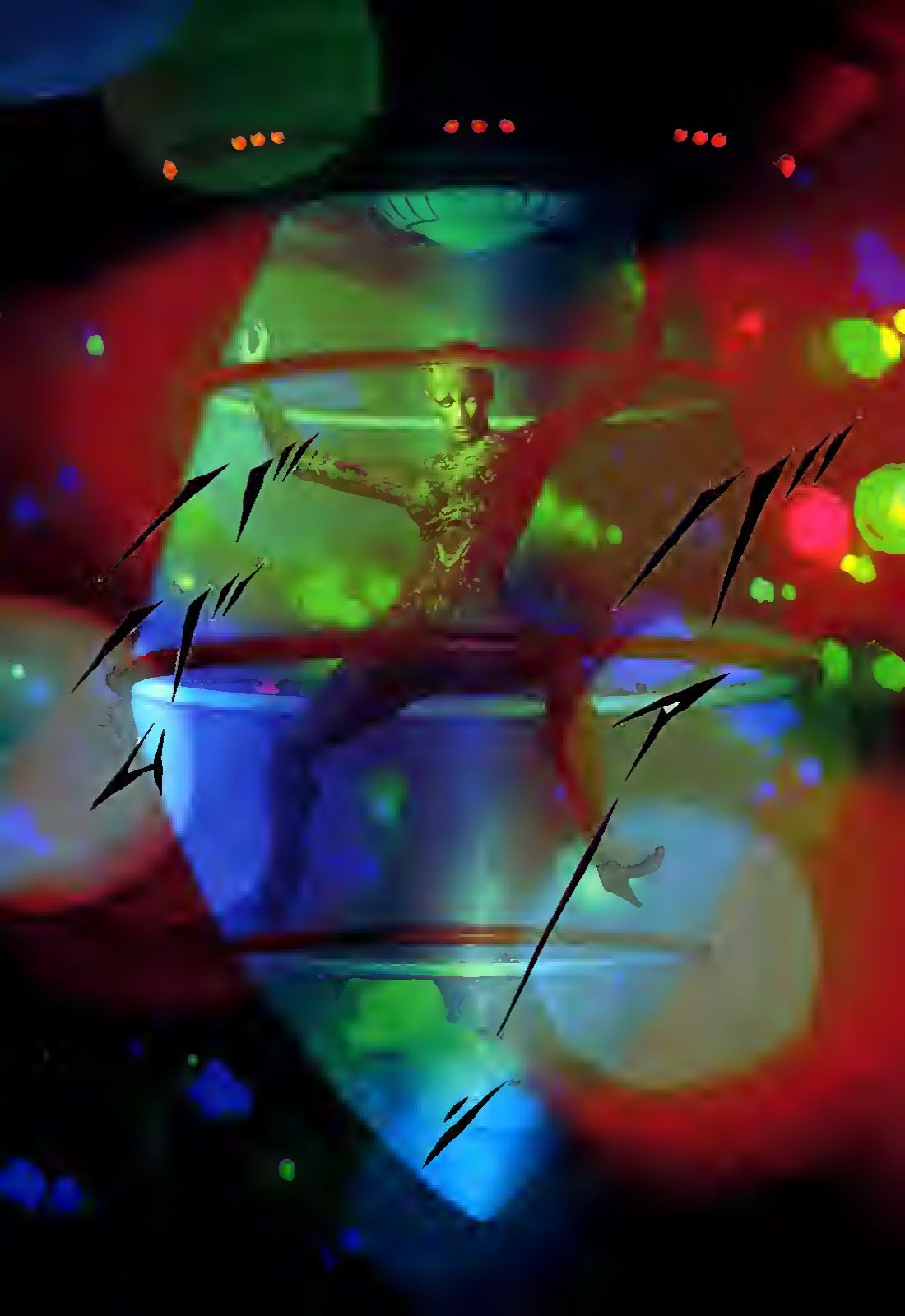
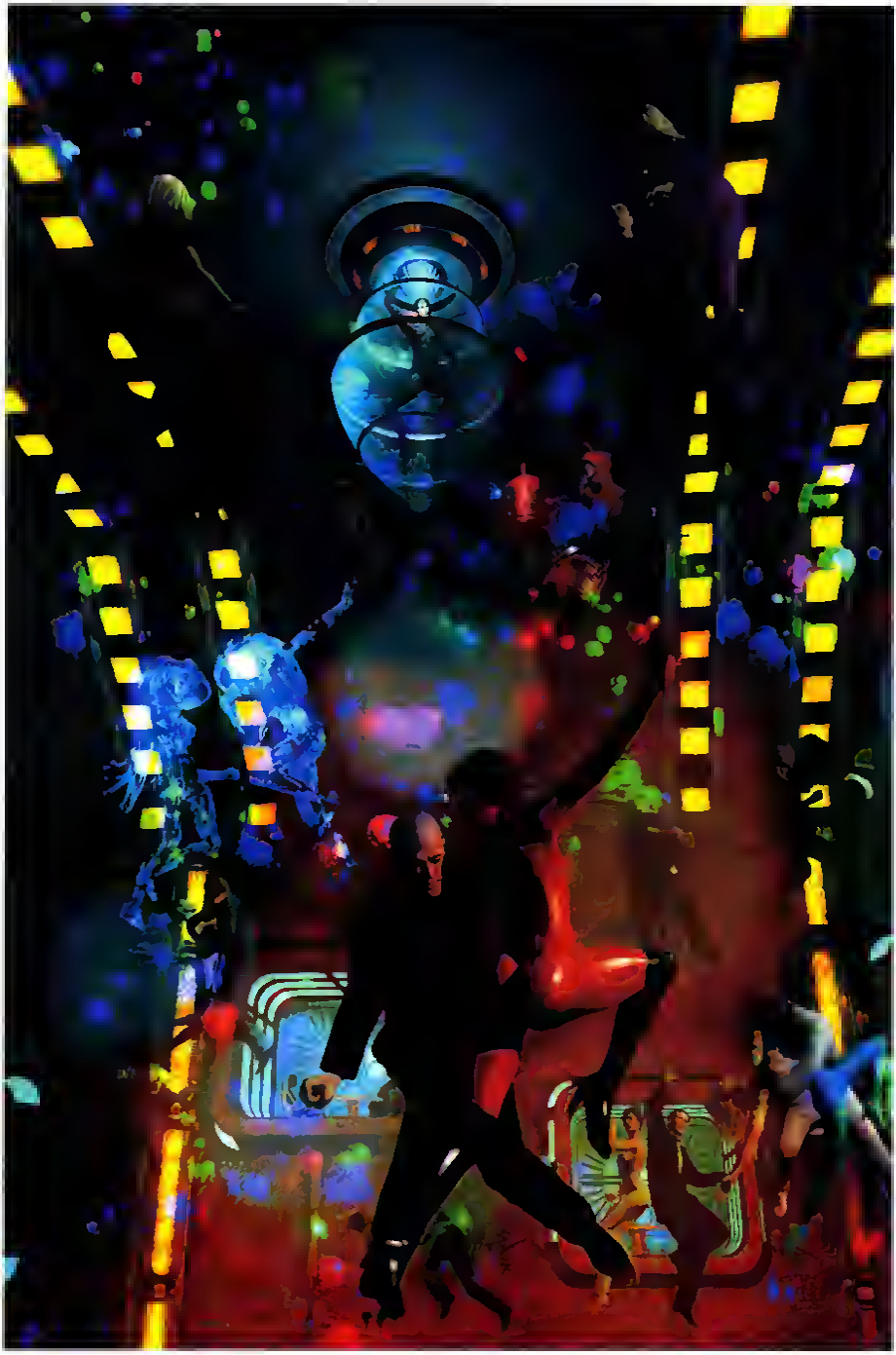
UNNNGH...
U...UNNGHH...

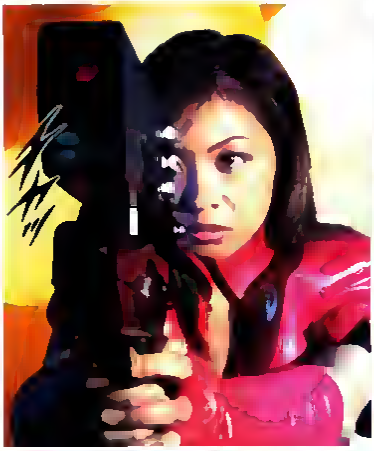
AN ELECTRIC SPIDER.
I WAS HAVING THE STRANGEST DREAM... A SPIDER WAS GOING INSIDE OF ME...
AHHH... OH DEAR, WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH ME...?
HANG IN THERE!
I'VE FIGURED IT OUT! THE ONE WHO KILLED IPSON!
AND IPSON'S CHARRED BODY... HAD CLEARLY BEEN ELECTROCUTED...!!
WERE THERE ANY EXONIANS IN THE BUILDING WHEN THE OWNER, IPSON, WAS MURDERED TODAY?
EXONIANS? SURE THERE WERE. IN FACT, ONE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS OF THE SEVEN STAR SOCIETY... MISS ZOFFE IS AN EXONIAN.
HELLO, YOU'VE REACHED THE SEVEN STAR BUILDING'S SECURITY OFFICE.
GUN DRAGONS HERE! I NEED TO SPEAK WITH YOU!

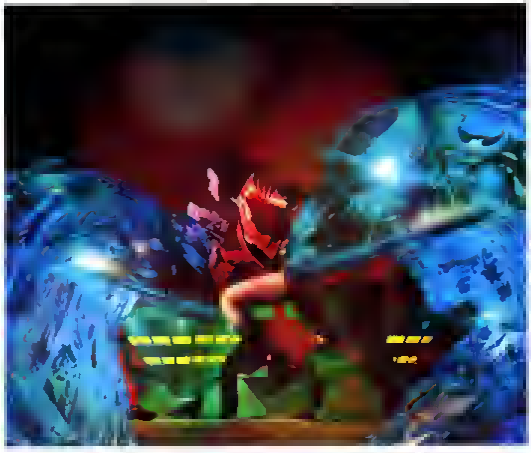
SURE THING.
ZOFFE!? BRING HER UP ON MY SCREEN!
THAT'S HER...!!
Gallery No.76123-8R
Name: ZOFFE Dai Bou
Sex: Female Age:31
Address: 556outh 4 Street
Floor 37th Apartment
SHE WON'T BE HOME BY NOW. SHE'S PROBABLY OUT DANCING AT A DISCO CALLED THE BLUE WAVE
WHERE IS SHE NOW!? WHAT'S HER ADDRESS!?

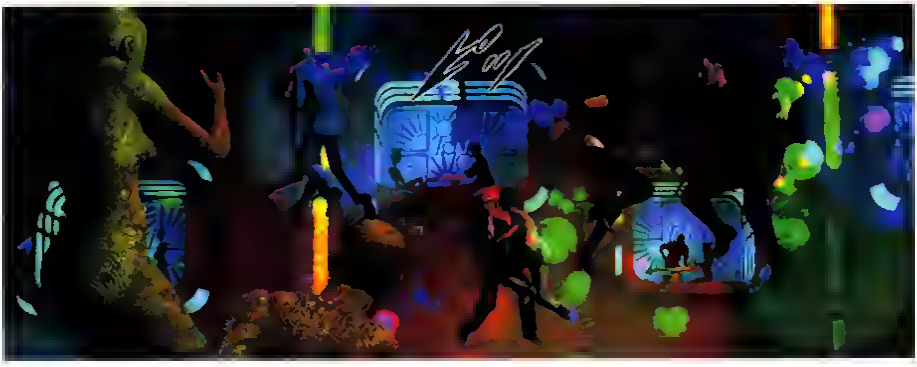
THE SEVEN STAR SOCIETY IS MADE UP OF MEMBERS THAT REPRESENT PLANETS FROM THE SEVEN STARS OF THE BIG DIPPER!
AND IPSON HAD A PAINTING OF IT HANGING UP IN HIS ROOM!
IT WAS HOKUSAI'S "EIGHT-PART BRIDGE OF MIKAWA"! HOKUSAI PAINTED IT AS A REPRESENTATION OF THE BIG DIPPER...
THE SEVEN STARS ARE REPRESENTED BY THE UMBRELLAS OF THE PEDESTRIANS CROSSING THE BRIDGE.
THE BLOOD CORRESPONDS TO THE STAR δ... THAT'S WHERE EXO IS! IT HAS TO BE HER!
IPSON WAS MARKING THE PERP WITH HIS OWN BLOOD!

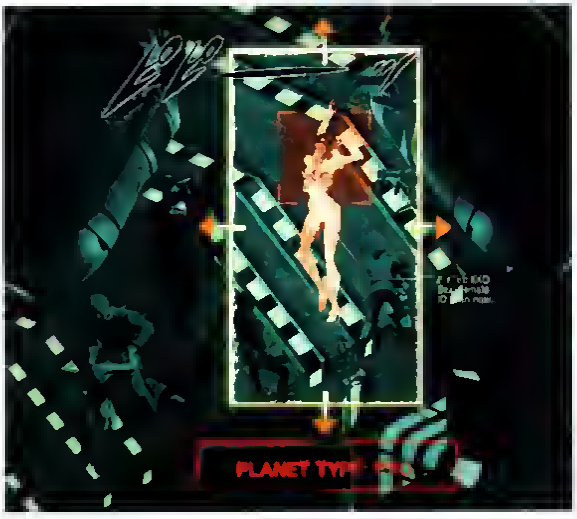








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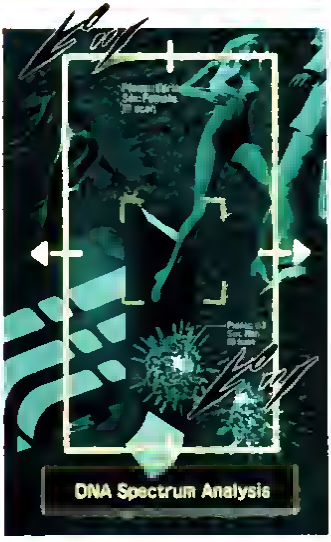
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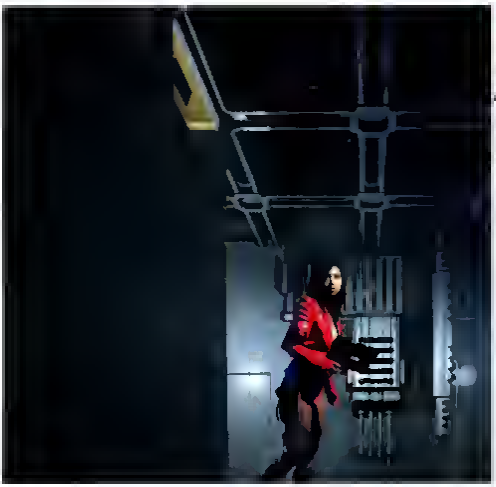
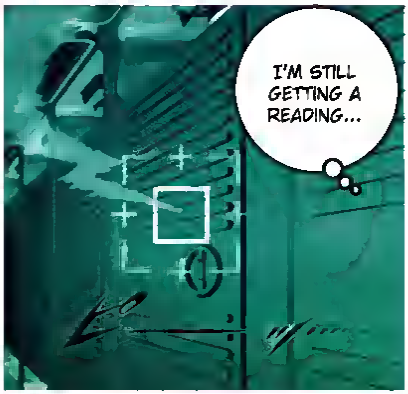
THERE SHE IS!
PLANET TYPE: EXO
OUTTA MY WAY!

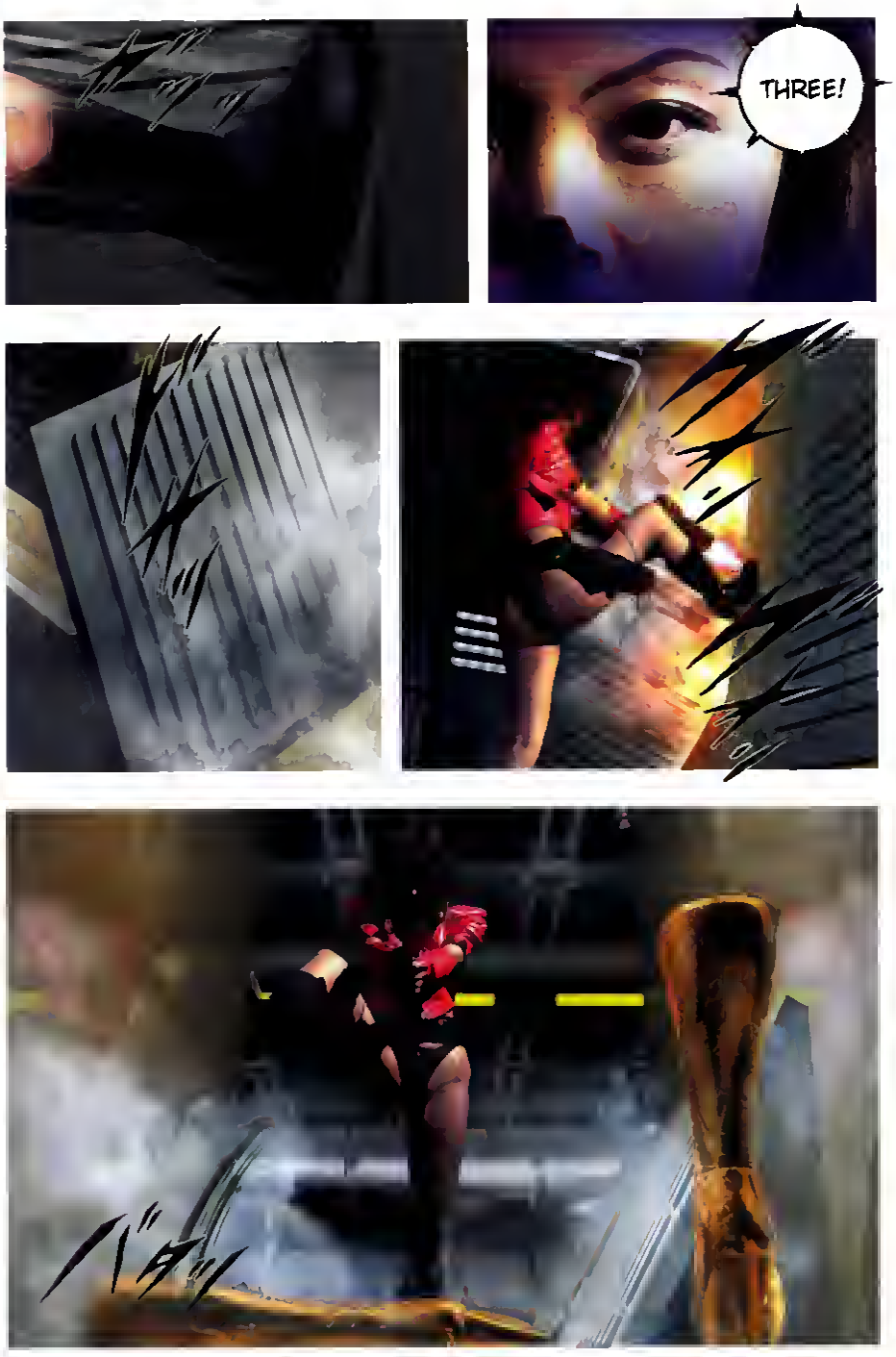


YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY FROM ME!

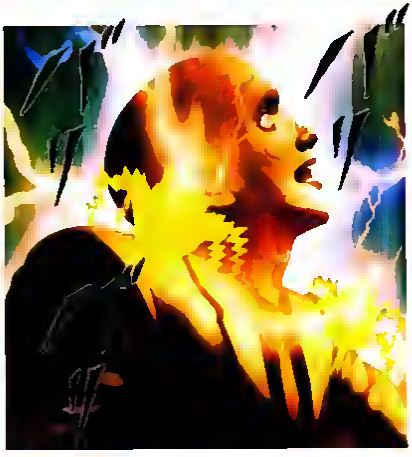

I'M STILL GETTING A READING...

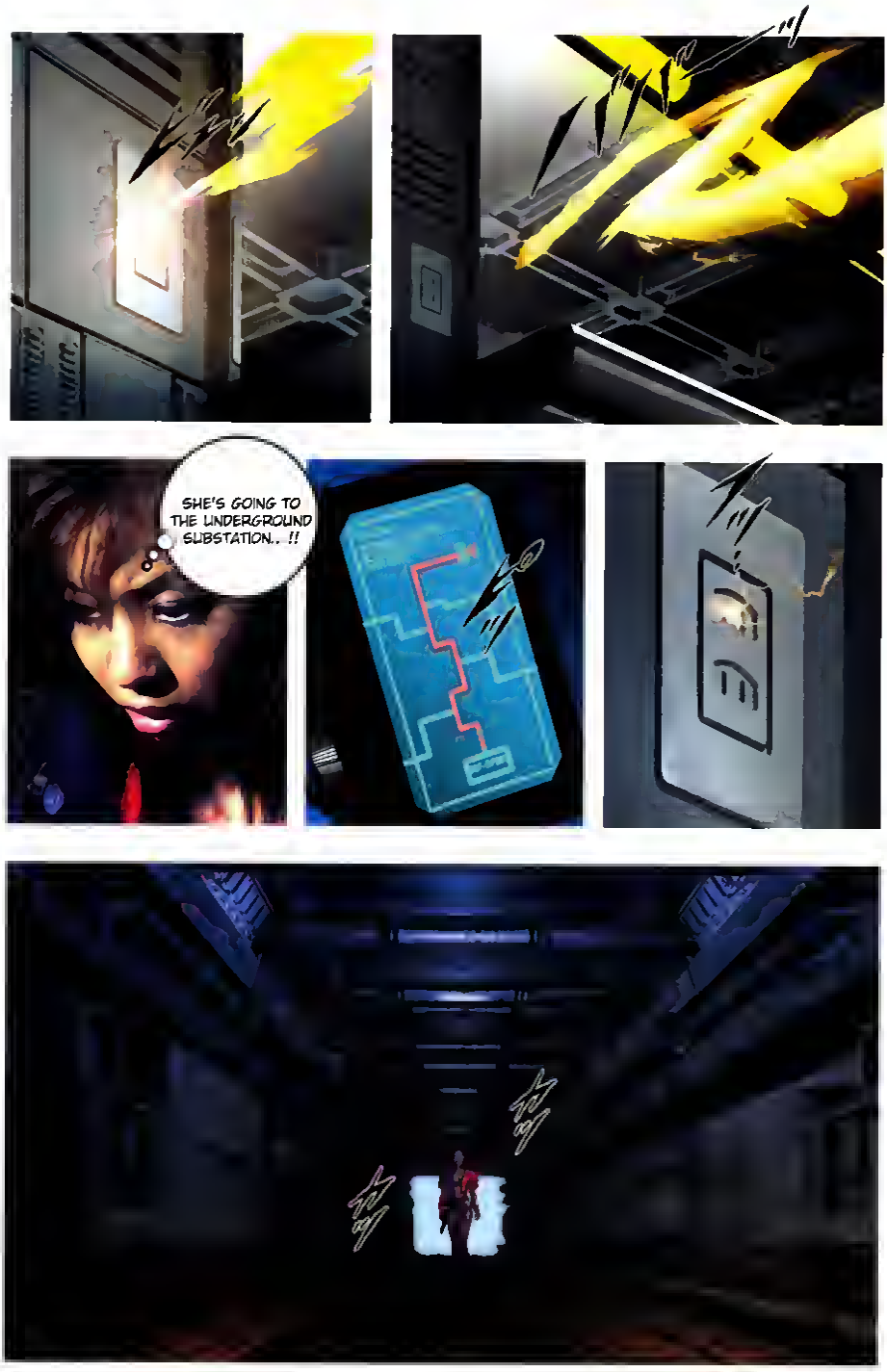
ONE!
TWO!

I'LL GIVE YOU TO THE COUNT OF THREE TO COME OUT WITH YOUR HANDS UP.


THREE!

EEEP! WHAT'S GOING ON!?




SHE'S GOING TO THE UNDERGROUND SUBSTATION.. !!

SO YOU KILLED IPSON VIA ELECTROCUTION, IS THAT RIGHT?
EXONIANS ARE CAPABLE OF TURNING INTO AN ELECTRIC CURRENT..!

YES, I DID. HE WAS TRYING TO KEEP THE BLACK HOLE ALL TO HIMSELF—
MIND TELLING ME WHY YOU TRIED TO KILL ME, TOO?
WHAT A FILTHY MAN—!
"HE...?"
HE TOLD ME TO!

THE "DEVIL" OF LEGENDS!

HE SAID YOU WERE A NUISANCE!

WHERE'D SHE GO...?
SHE CAN GO WHEREVER SHE WANTS!
I'M SURROUND- ED BY WIRES AND METAL PIPES...

UGGGGH!

WE EXONIANS ARE IMMORTAL!

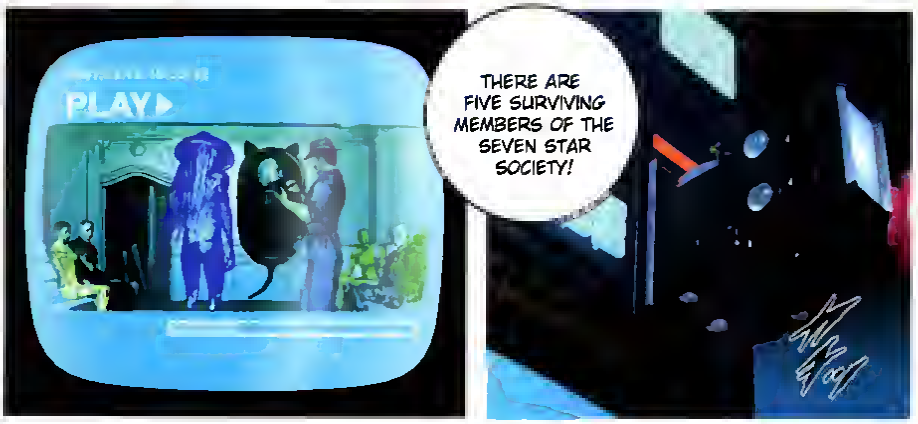
HEHEHE... AN EARTHLING LIKE YOU CANNOT KILL ME

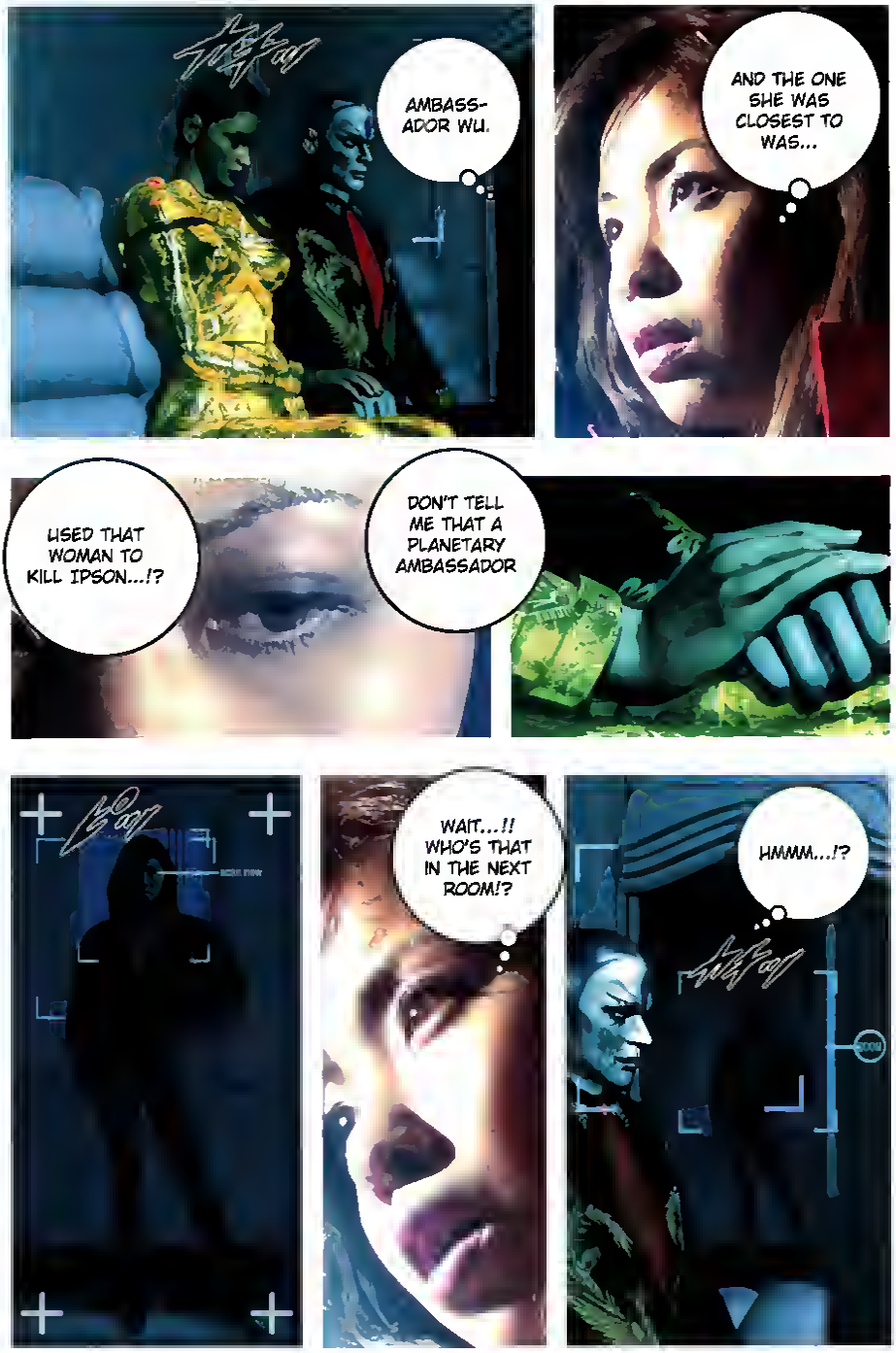
THE GUN DRAGONS HAVE COUNTER-MEASURES FOR EVERY EXTRATERRESTRIAL SPECIES' ABILITIES.
LIKE THESE BULLETS, FOR STARTERS!
OH, REALLY NOW...?
TIME TO GIVE 'EM A WHIRL!

I CAN'T MOVE!!!
I...I CAN'T...
W...WHAT DID YOU DO!?
THAT WAS AN INSULATION BULLET. YOU CAN'T ESCAPE ANYMORE

HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE DEVIL FROM MY NIGHTMARE?
"THE DEVIL OF LEGEND"...!! THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID... COULD THAT...

NOW THAT IPSON'S BEEN KILLED... I DON'T HAVE ANY LEADS ON THE MINIATURE BLACK HOLE...


PLAY
THERE ARE FIVE SURVIVING MEMBERS OF THE SEVEN STAR SOCIETY!


AMBASS-
ADOR WU.
AND THE ONE SHE WAS CLOSEST TO WAS...
USED THAT WOMAN TO KILL IPSON...!?
DON'T TELL ME THAT A PLANETARY AMBASSADOR
WAIT...!! WHO'S THAT IN THE NEXT ROOM!?
HMMM...!?

W...WHAT THE...!?!?
HIT
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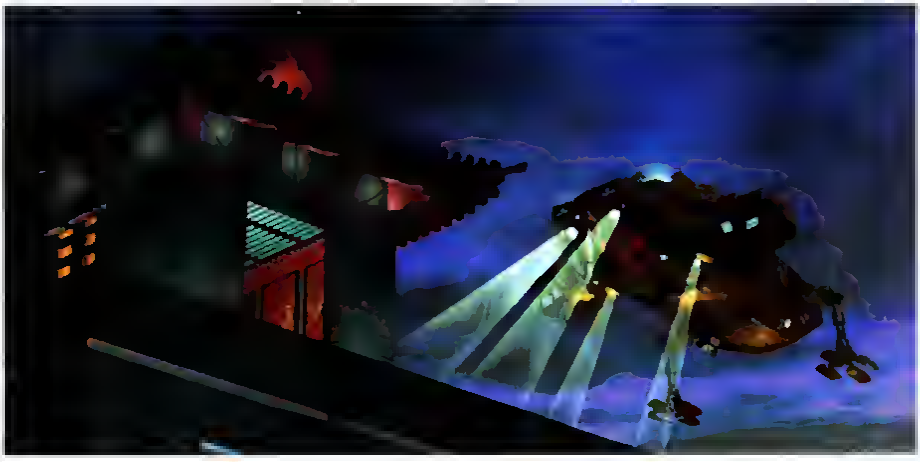
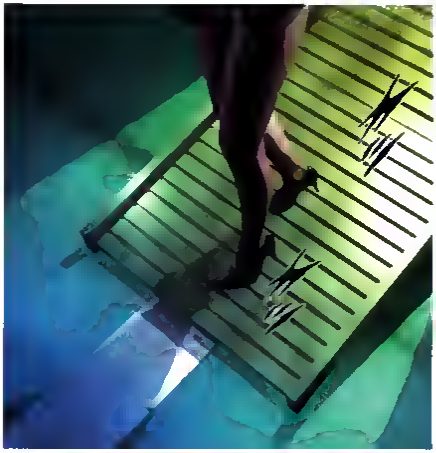
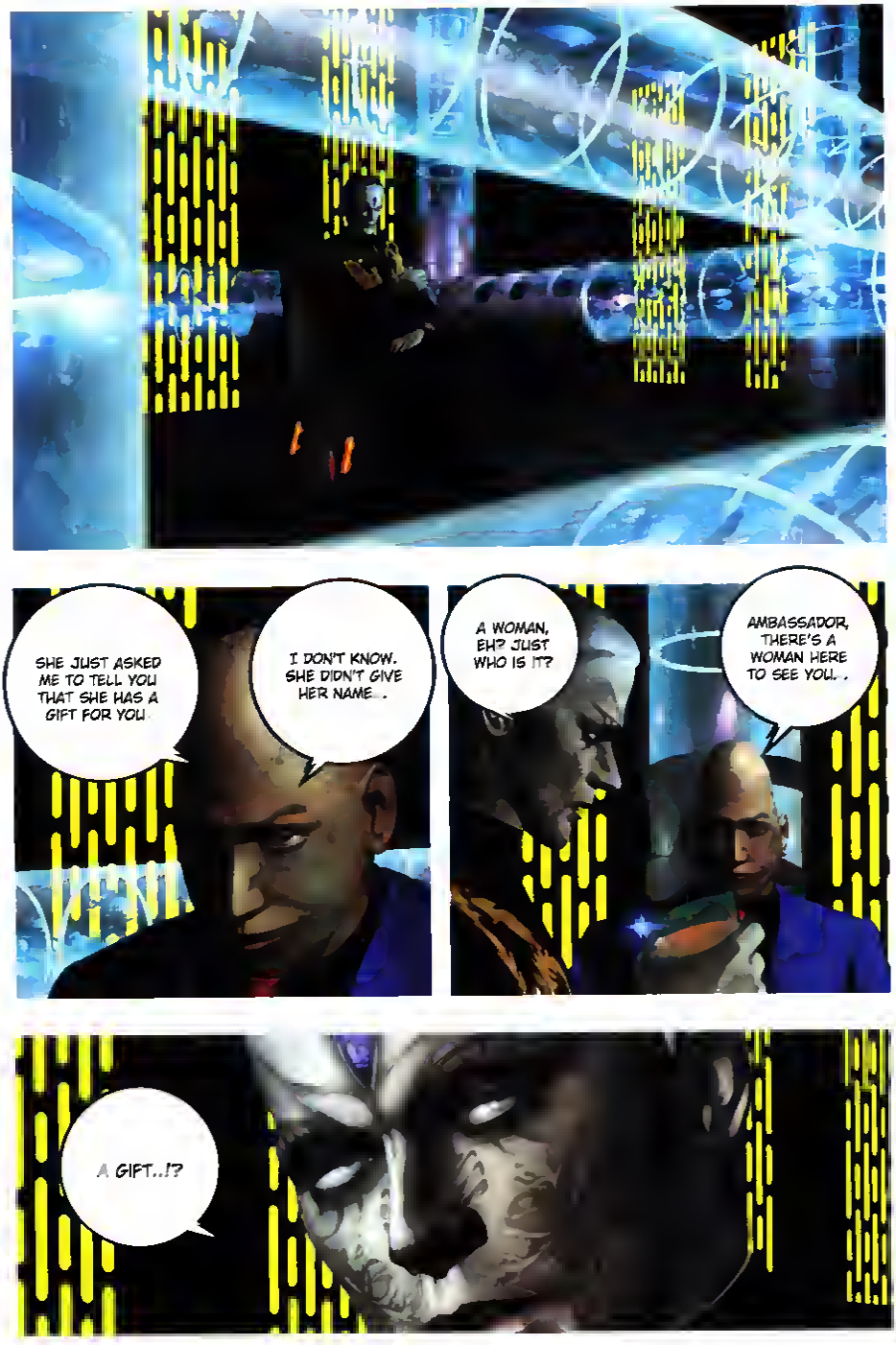
scan now.
BRIGHTNESS: up+5
CONTRAST: up
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN!?

THERE'S ANOTHER ME!






SHE JUST ASKED ME TO TELL YOU THAT SHE HAS A GIFT FOR YOU.
I DON'T KNOW. SHE DIDN'T GIVE HER NAME..
A WOMAN, EH? JUST WHO IS IT?
AMBASSADOR, THERE'S A WOMAN HERE TO SEE YOU..
A GIFT..!?

THE MINIATURE BLACK HOLE!
WHERE DID YOU GET THIS!?
WHAT DOES THAT MATTER?
I WAS THE ONE WHO GAVE IT TO IPSON IN THE FIRST PLACE.
HOW RUDE!
SO YOU'RE THE ONE WHO STOLE IPSON'S BLACK HOLE.

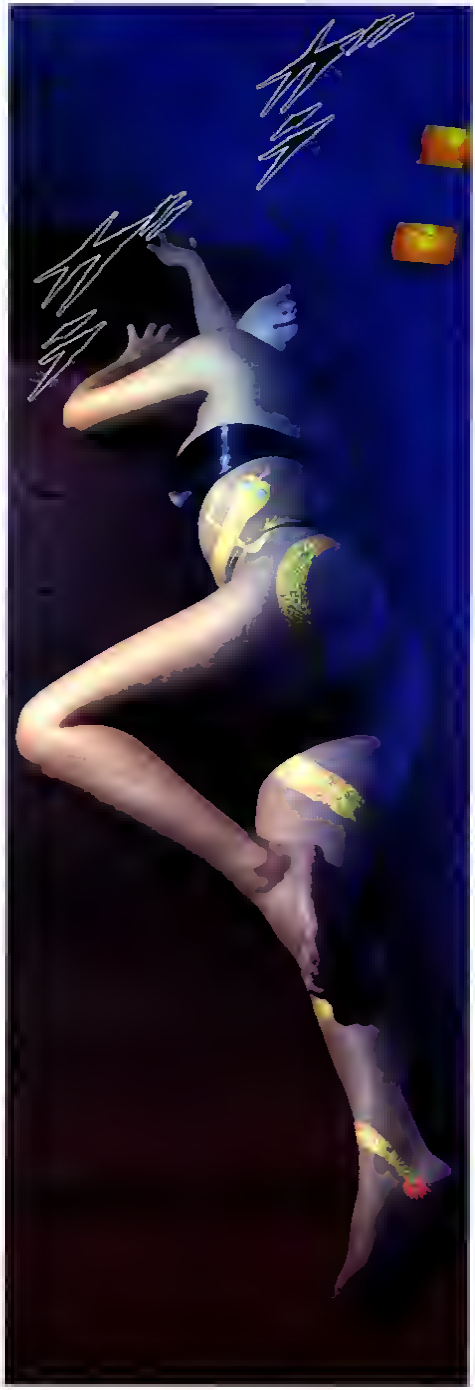
AND NOW, I'M LENDING IT YOUR WAY.

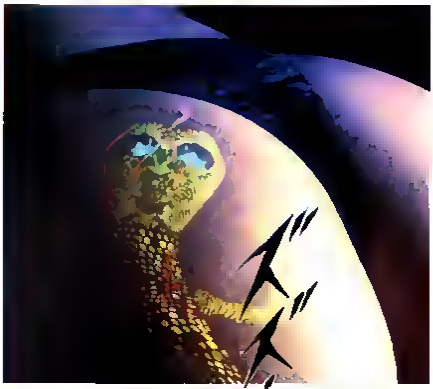
YOUR PARTNER.
JUST WHO ARE YOU!?
HAHHAHAHA! YOU DON'T NEED TO BE RESERVED. I KNOW YOU'RE FOAMING AT THE MOUTH FOR IT!
I HAVE NO USE FOR A CONTRABAND BLACK HOLE.
I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW I'M THE BRACHIAN AMBASSADOR.
THE ECSTASY EMITTED BY YOUR PARTNER SERVES AS YOUR FOOD.
I KNOW ALL ABOUT YOU BRACHIANS.
SO YOU'RE HERE IN DEJIMA TO GATHER WOMEN AND SMUGGLE THEM BACK TO YOUR HOMEWORLD.
BRACHIANS SUBSIST ON SEXUAL ENERGY.

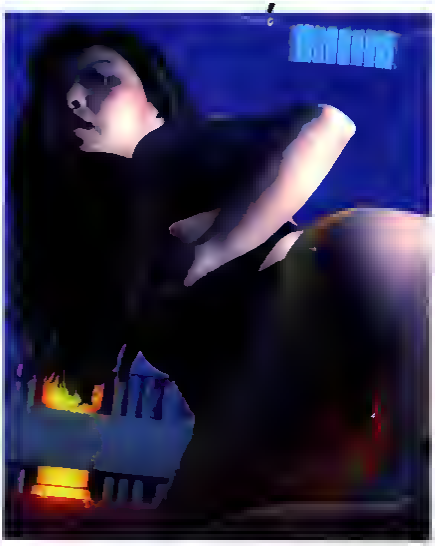
I SEE. SO YOU'VE WORKED ALL OF THAT OUT.
USING THE EMBASSY AS YOUR COVER OF COURSE!
VERY WELL. I'LL SHOW YOU MY TRUE FORM!

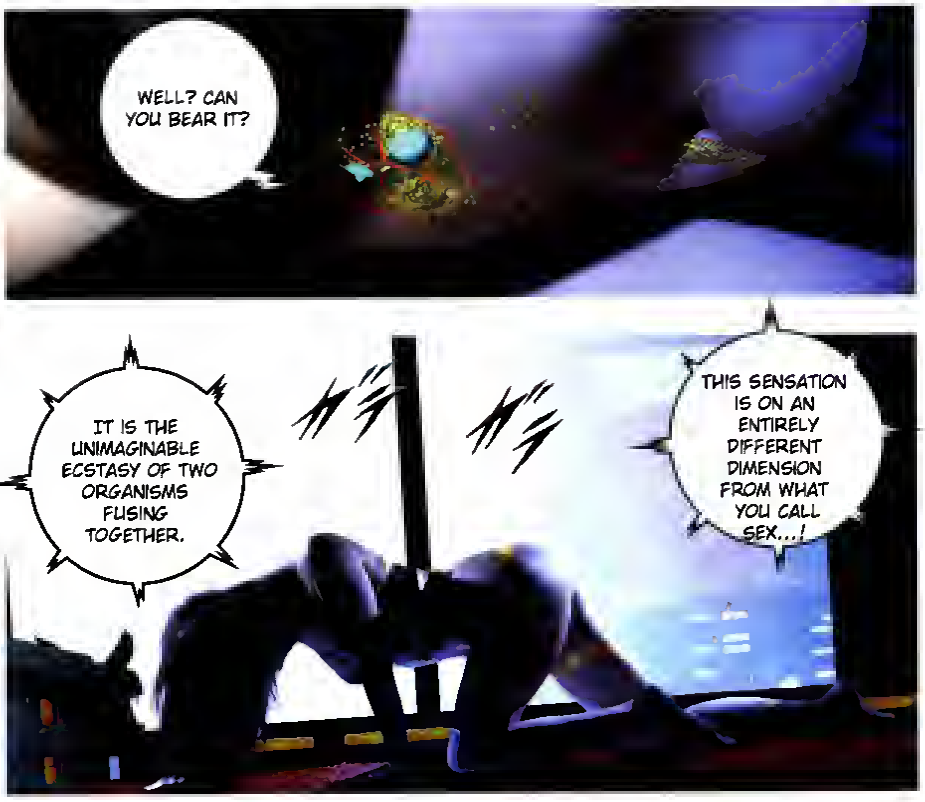
WE ARE PARASITES THAT LIVE OFF OF OTHER ORGANISMS. THIS MAN'S BODY WAS NO MORE THAN A VESSEL.
I'M THE TRUE AMBASSADOR WU.

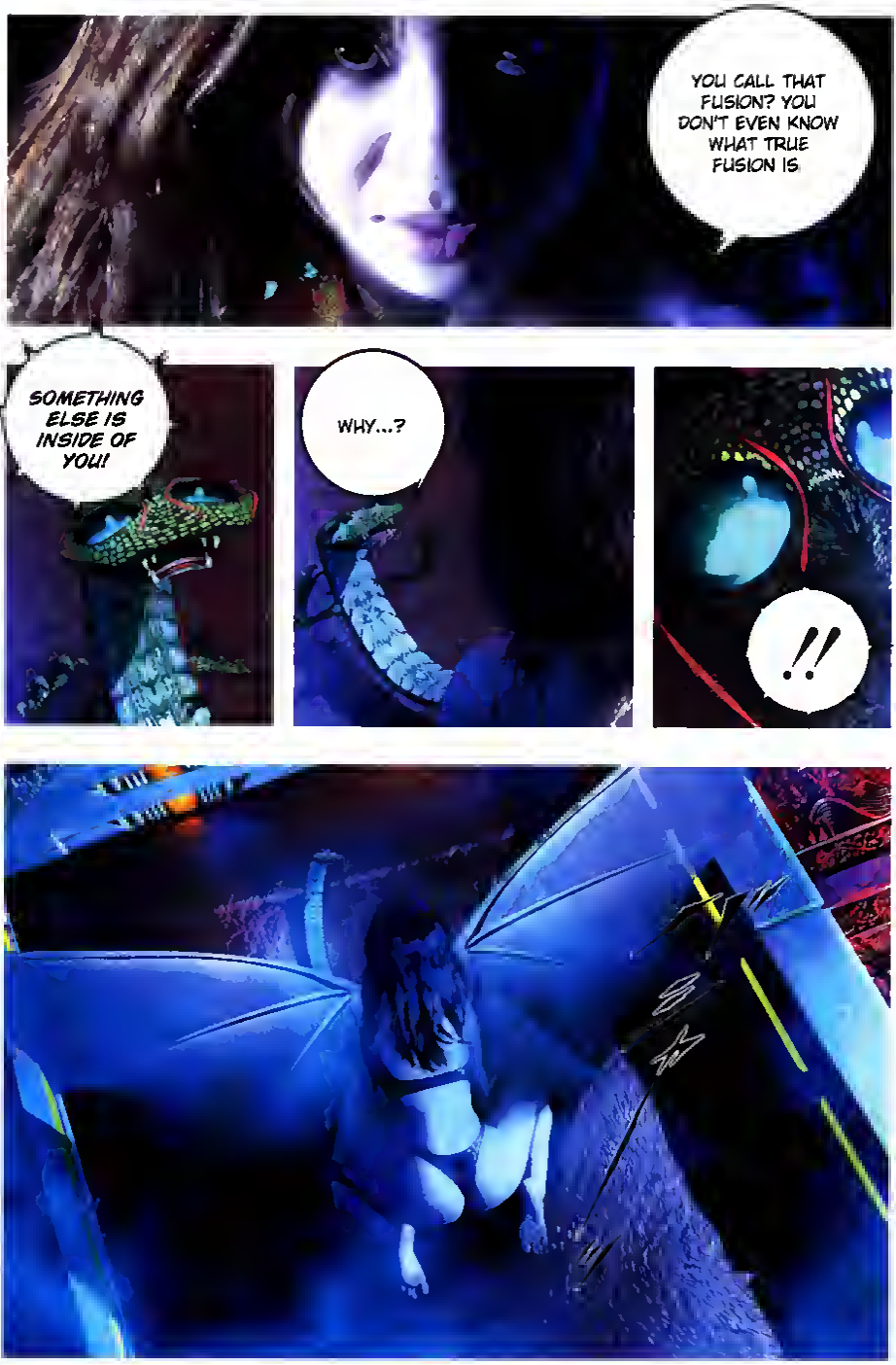
BUT DO YOU KNOW HOW BRACHIANS DRAW THAT FROM OUR PARTNERS?
YOU ARE RIGHT. OUR FOOD IS SEXUAL ENERGY.
WHY DON'T YOU SHOW ME...?








WELL? CAN YOU BEAR IT?
IT IS THE UNIMAGINABLE ECSTASY OF TWO ORGANISMS FUSING TOGETHER.
THIS SENSATION IS ON AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT DIMENSION FROM WHAT YOU CALL SEX...!
YOU WILL DIE IN CLIMAX. THAT WILL BECOME MY FOOD!


YOU CALL THAT FUSION? YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT TRUE FUSION IS.
SOMETHING ELSE IS INSIDE OF YOU!
WHY...?
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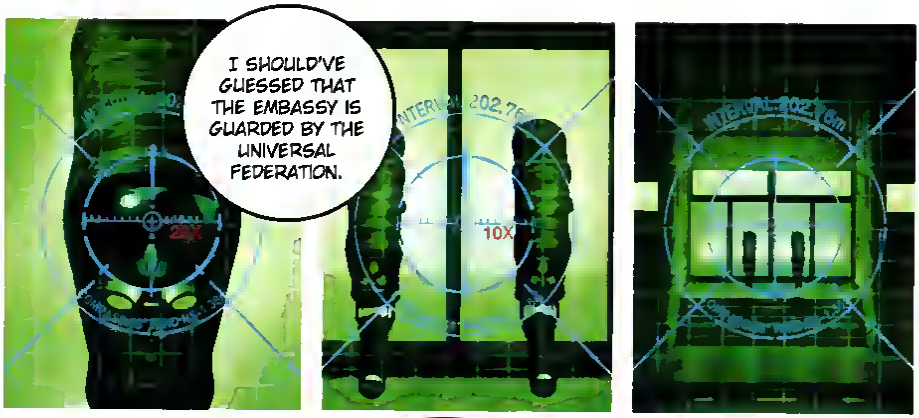
I'M YOUR PARTNER!
I WAS SURE I TOLD YOU.
WHO...WHO THE HELL ARE YOU!?


I SHOULD'VE GUESSED THAT THE EMBASSY IS GUARDED BY THE UNIVERSAL FEDERATION.
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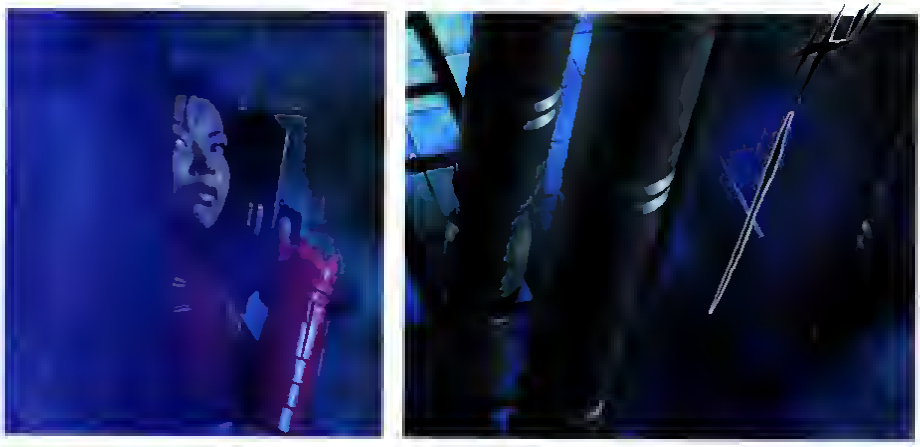
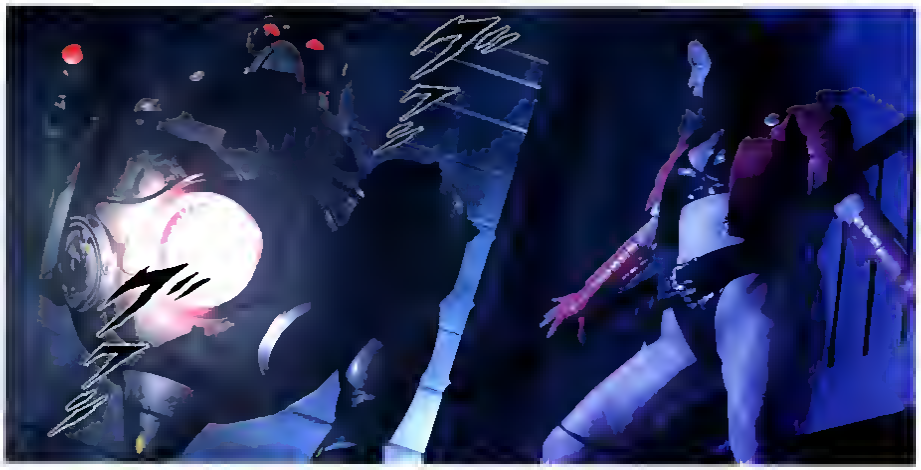
GUESS I'LL JUST GO THROUGH THE BACK.
I CAN'T JUST WALK THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR.



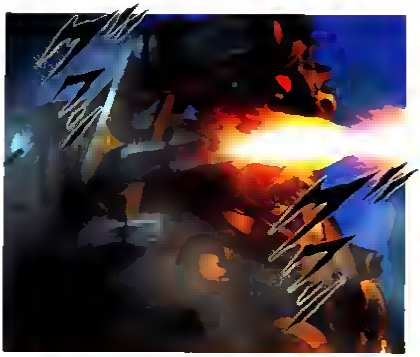
LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT A RAT!

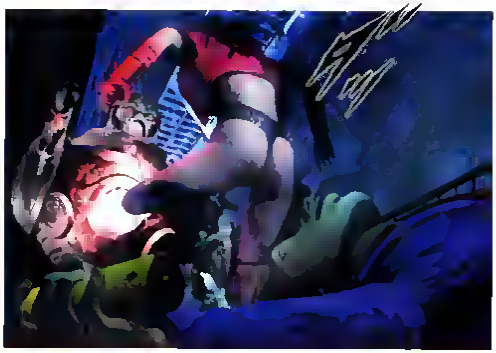


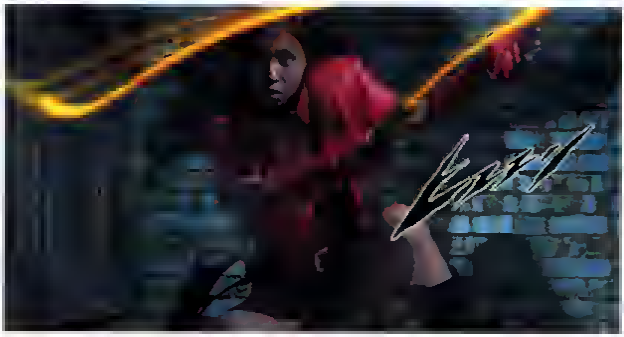
OUR GUARD ROBOTS CAN GET PRETTY ROUGH. THEY ONLY KNOW HOW TO KILL.

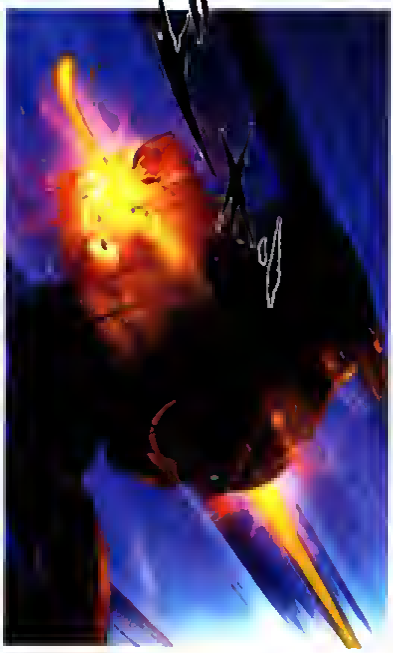
AFTER HER! DON'T LET HER GET AWAY!

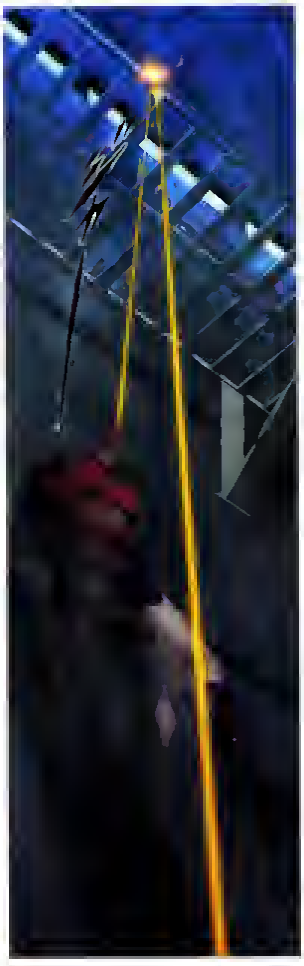
THAT'S A DEAD END, YOU IDIOT!
ACK!

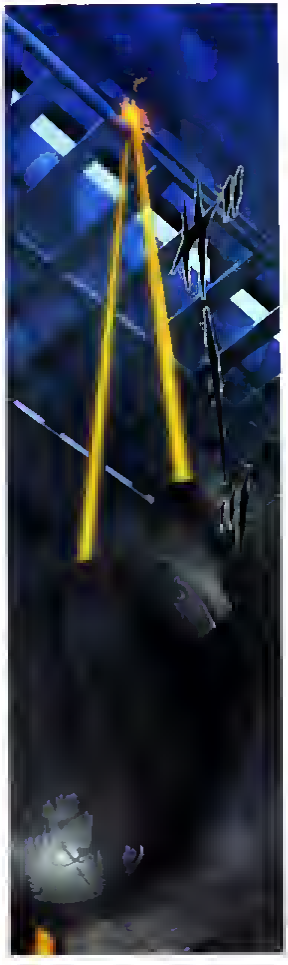


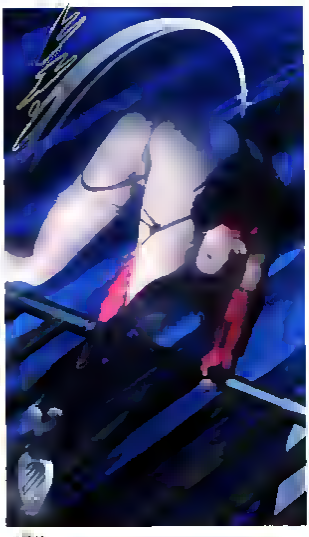


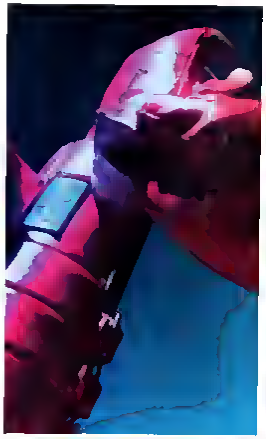


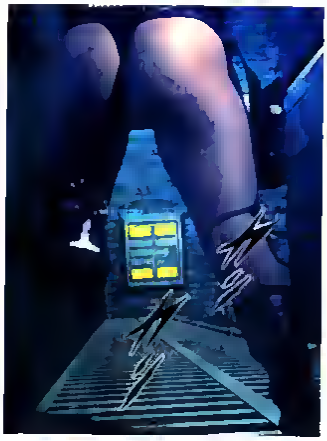


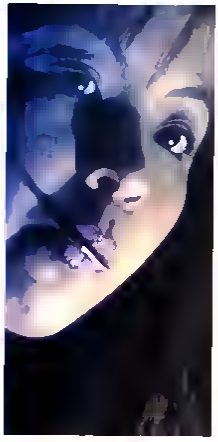


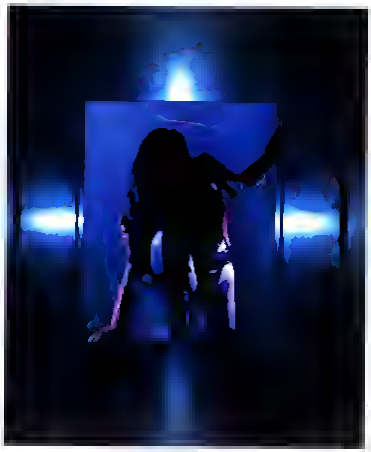


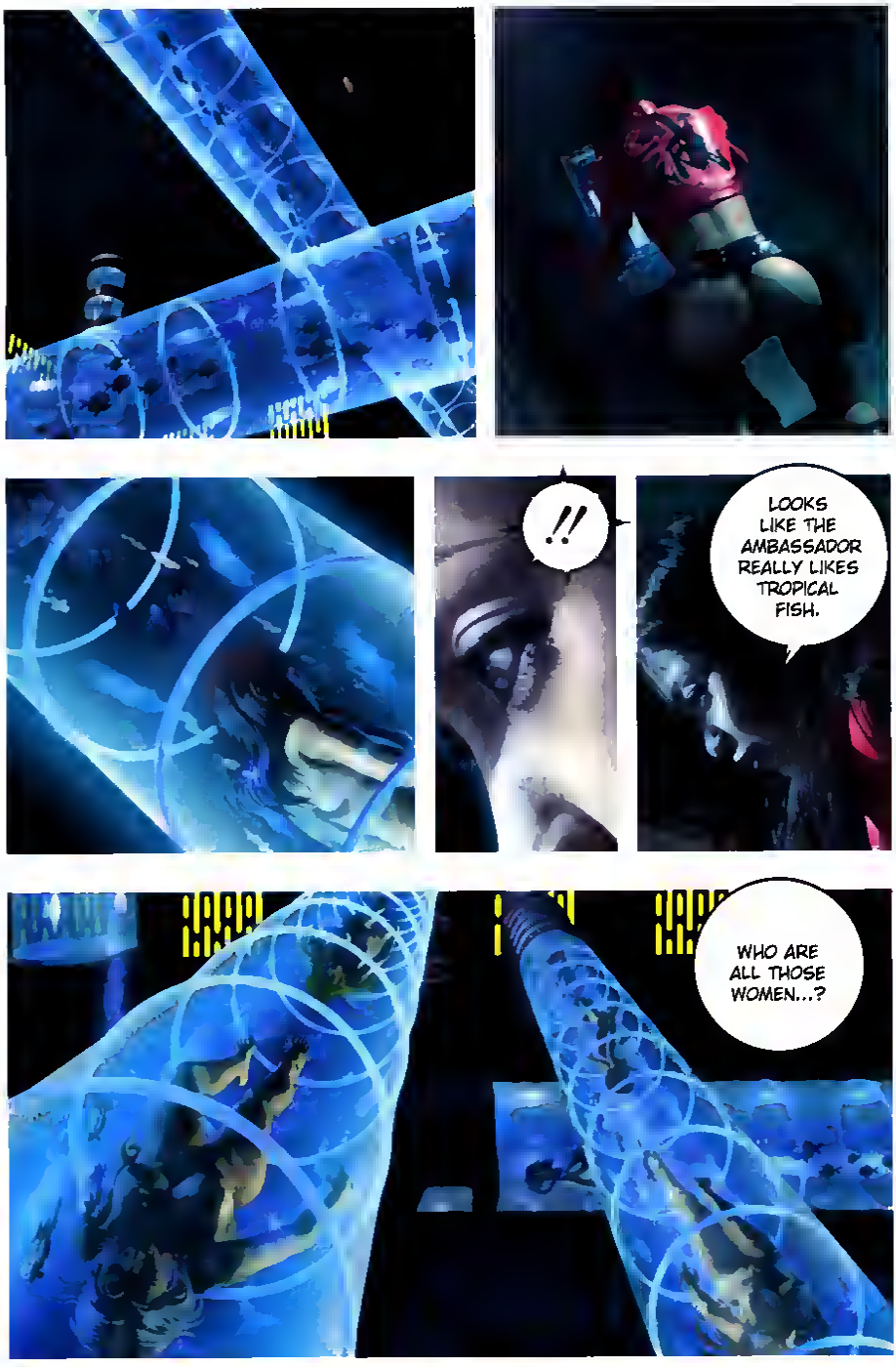








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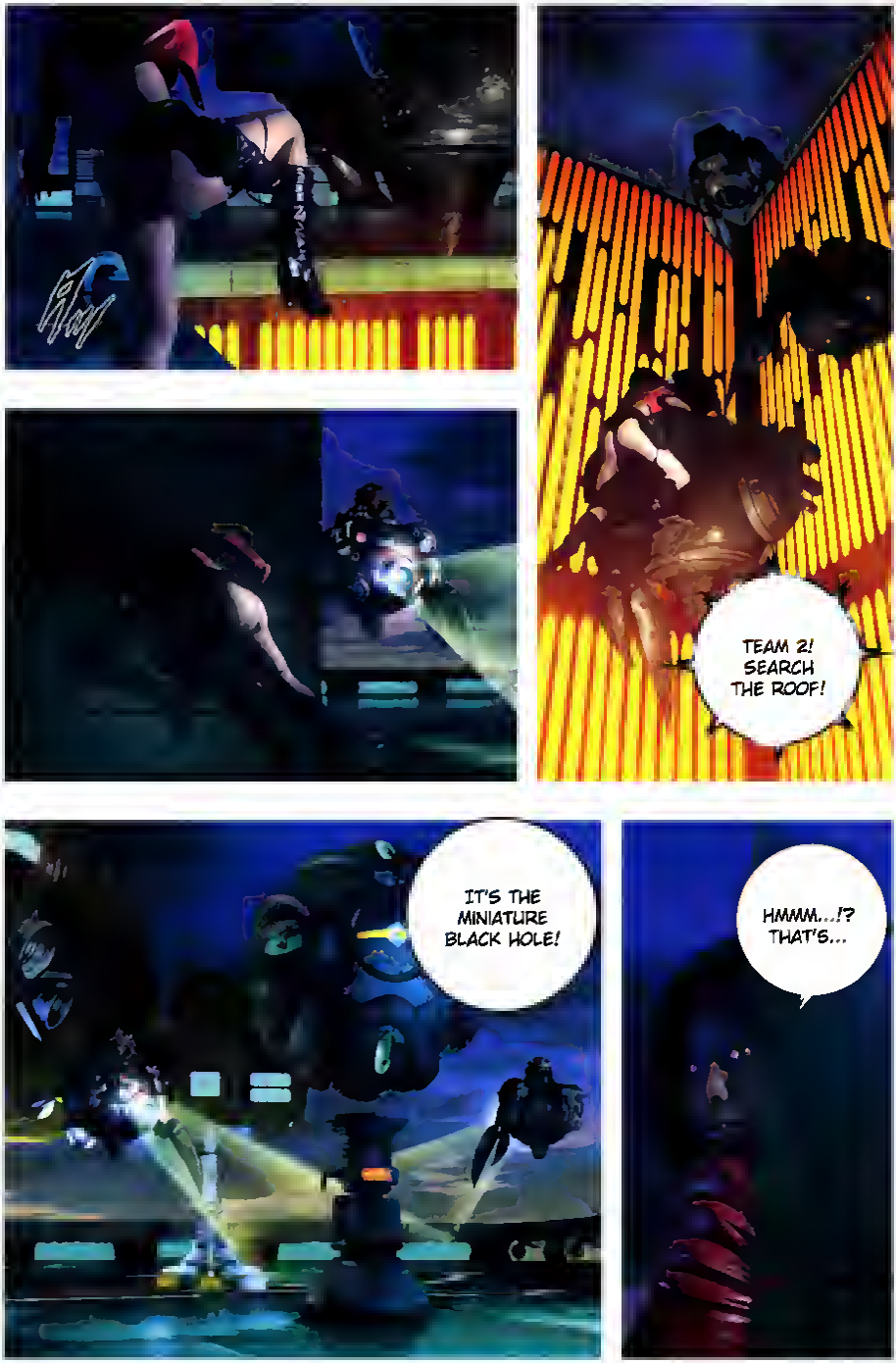
LOOKS LIKE THE AMBASSADOR REALLY LIKES TROPICAL FISH.
WHO ARE ALL THOSE WOMEN...?

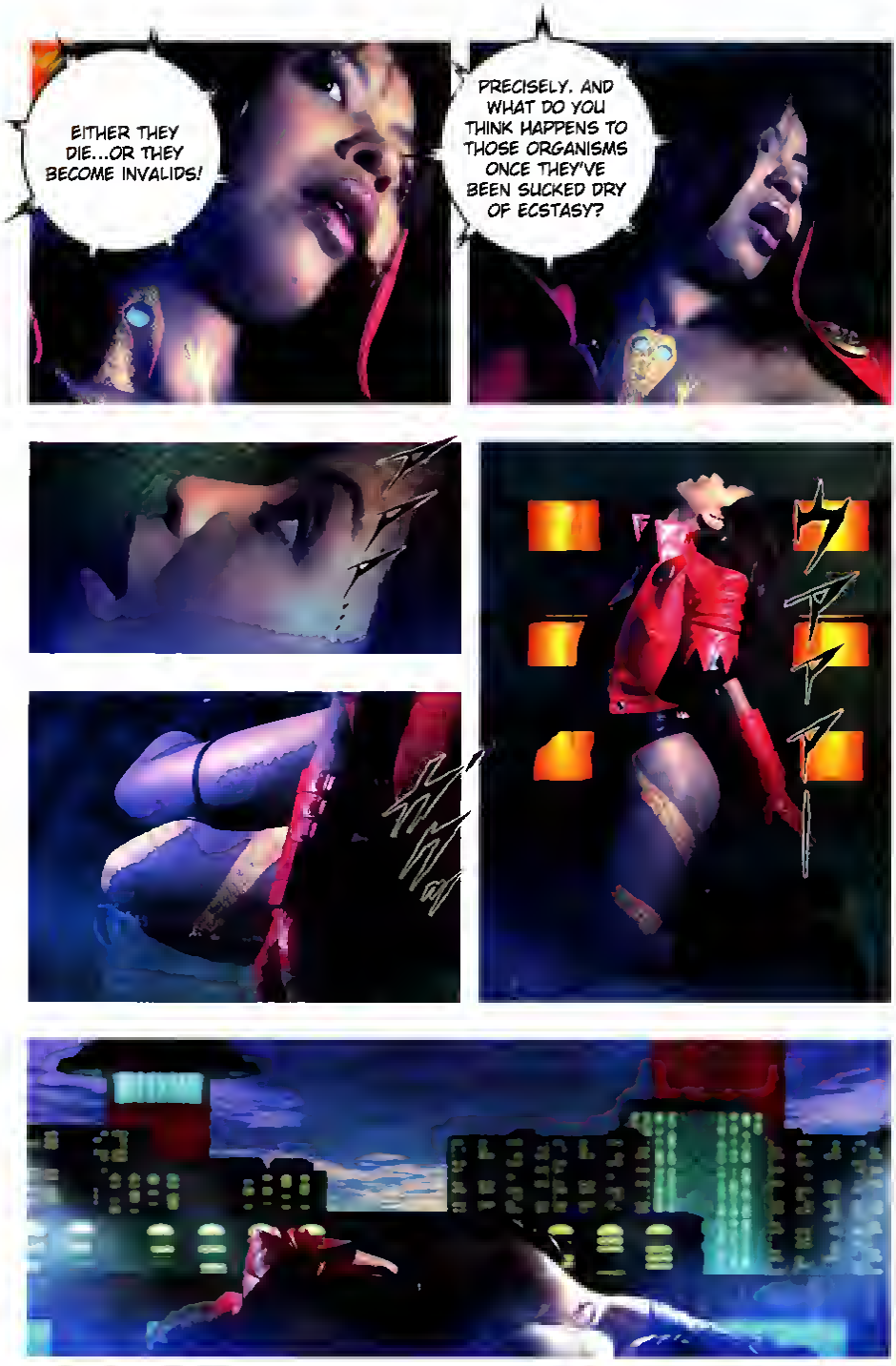
GUESS WU IS INTO HUMAN TRAFFICKING ON THE SIDE.
I SEE...!! SO AMBASSADOR WU WAS BEHIND THE RECENT DISAPPEARANCES OF YOUNG WOMEN!
LOOKS LIKE MY COVER'S BEEN BLOWN!
DAMN THAT WOMAN!
WE HAVE AN INTRUDER! SEIZE HER!

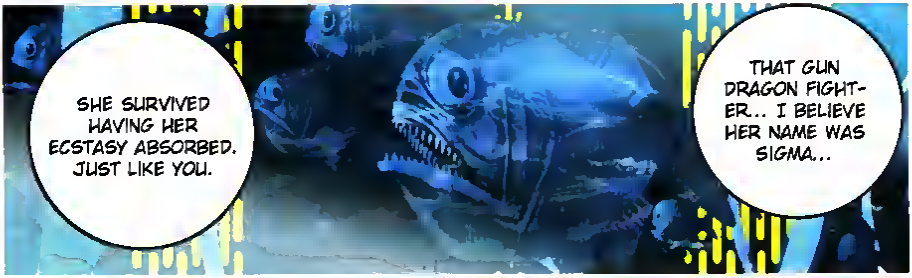
THESE GUARD ROBOTS' WEAKNESS IS THAT THEY'RE RIDICULOUSLY SLOW.


TEAM 2! SEARCH THE ROOF!
IT'S THE MINIATURE BLACK HOLE!
HMMMM...!? THAT'S...

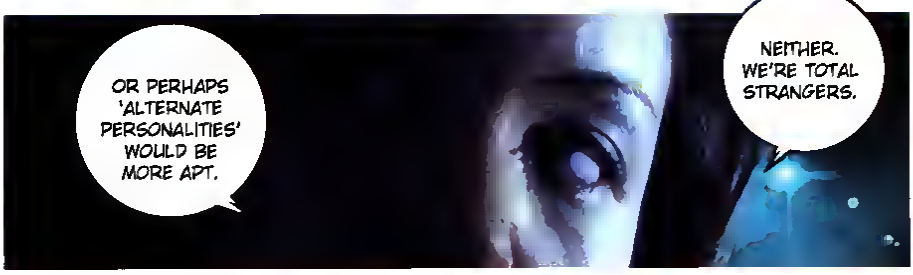
JUST WHAT IS IT DOING HERE?
HUH...?
AHHHHH!

IT'S NO USE. I AM INSIDE YOU NOW. YOU CAN'T CATCH ME.
YOU'RE AMBASSADOR WU! SO THAT'S WHY YOU'VE BEEN GATHERING ALL THOSE WOMEN!
AND THAT IS WHY WE NEED WOMEN!
AND EARTHLING WOMEN ARE TRULY FASCINATING. THEY HAVE SUCH AN ECSTATIC FIGURE. THEY REALLY WHET THE APPETITE.
DID YOU KNOW... THAT OUR RACE LIVES OFF THE SEXUAL ENERGY OF OTHER ORGANISMS?


EITHER THEY DIE...OR THEY BECOME INVALIDS!
PRECISELY. AND WHAT DO YOU THINK HAPPENS TO THOSE ORGANISMS ONCE THEY'VE BEEN SUCKED DRY OF ECSTASY?


SHE SURVIVED HAVING HER ECSTASY ABSORBED. JUST LIKE YOU.
THAT GUN DRAGON FIGHTER.. I BELIEVE HER NAME WAS SIGMA...

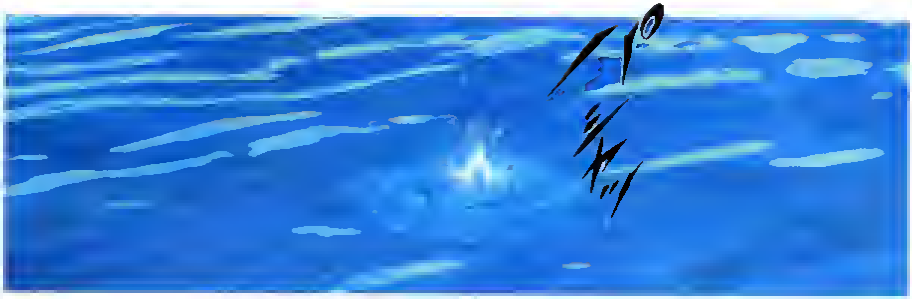
ARE YOU TWINS...? OR PERHAPS CLONES?
AND SURPRISINGLY ENOUGH, SHE'S A SPITTING IMAGE OF YOU...

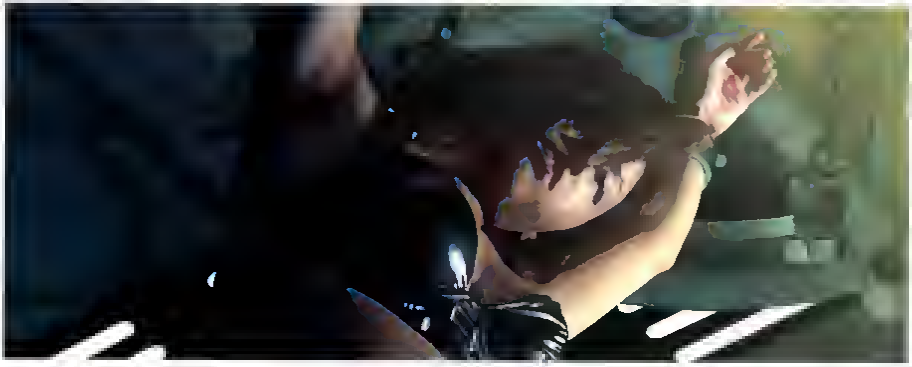

OR PERHAPS 'ALTERNATE PERSONALITIES' WOULD BE MORE APT.
NEITHER. WE'RE TOTAL STRANGERS.

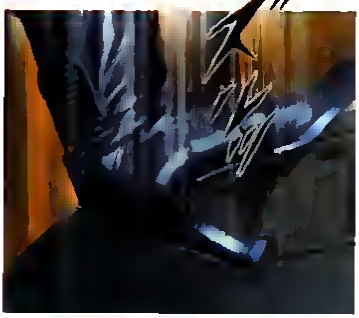
KNOCK YOURSELF OUT.

SO, NO OBJECTIONS IF I KILL HER THEN?

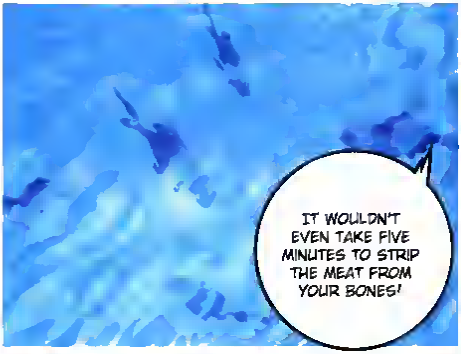
IF YOU'RE GOING TO KILL HER, KILL HER QUICKLY. YOU'D BETTER NOT UNDERESTIMATE HER.
I'LL BET HE'S HAVING HIS FUN WITH HER RIGHT ABOUT NOW.
I'VE LEFT HER IN THE CARE OF MY UNDERLING.
YOU SEEM TO KNOW QUITE A BIT ABOUT HER...HEHE. NO MATTER. THERE ISN'T A DAMN THING SHE CAN DO!
YES. BUT I ADMIT I'M QUITE THE GLUTTON.
DIDN'T YOU JUST EAT?
NOW. IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME. IT'S DINNER TIME. I HAVE A WOMAN WAITING FOR ME UPSTAIRS.







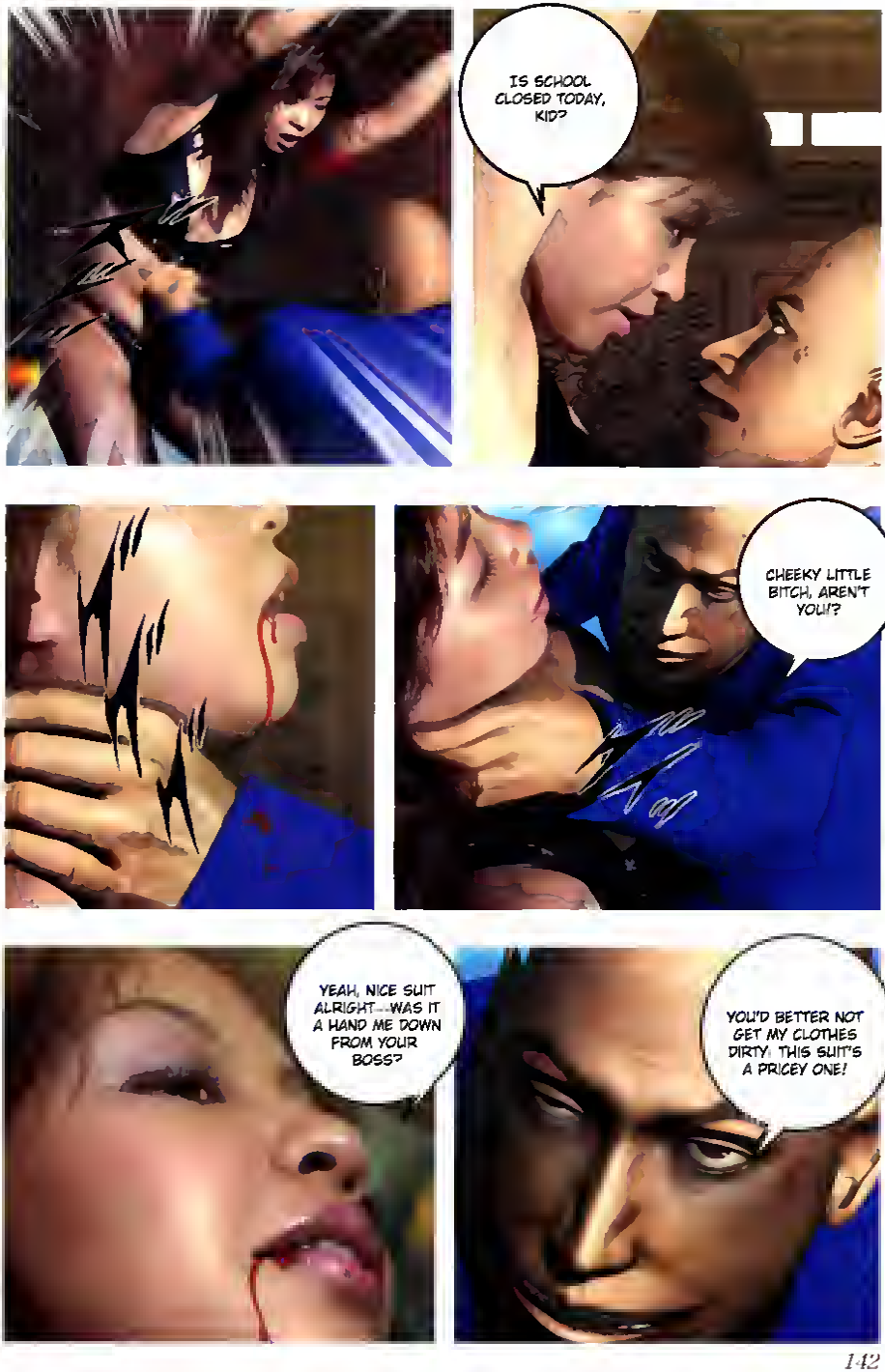
PEOPLE AREN'T USUALLY IN THEIR DIET, BUT IF A DROP OF YOUR BLOOD ENTERS THAT WATER...
BETTER BE CAREFUL. THE POOL IS FILLED WITH SAZIAN MAN-EATING FISH...


IT WOULDN'T EVEN TAKE FIVE MINUTES TO STRIP THE MEAT FROM YOUR BONES!

THEY'LL GO INTO A FEEDING FRENZY AND START BITING AT YOU.

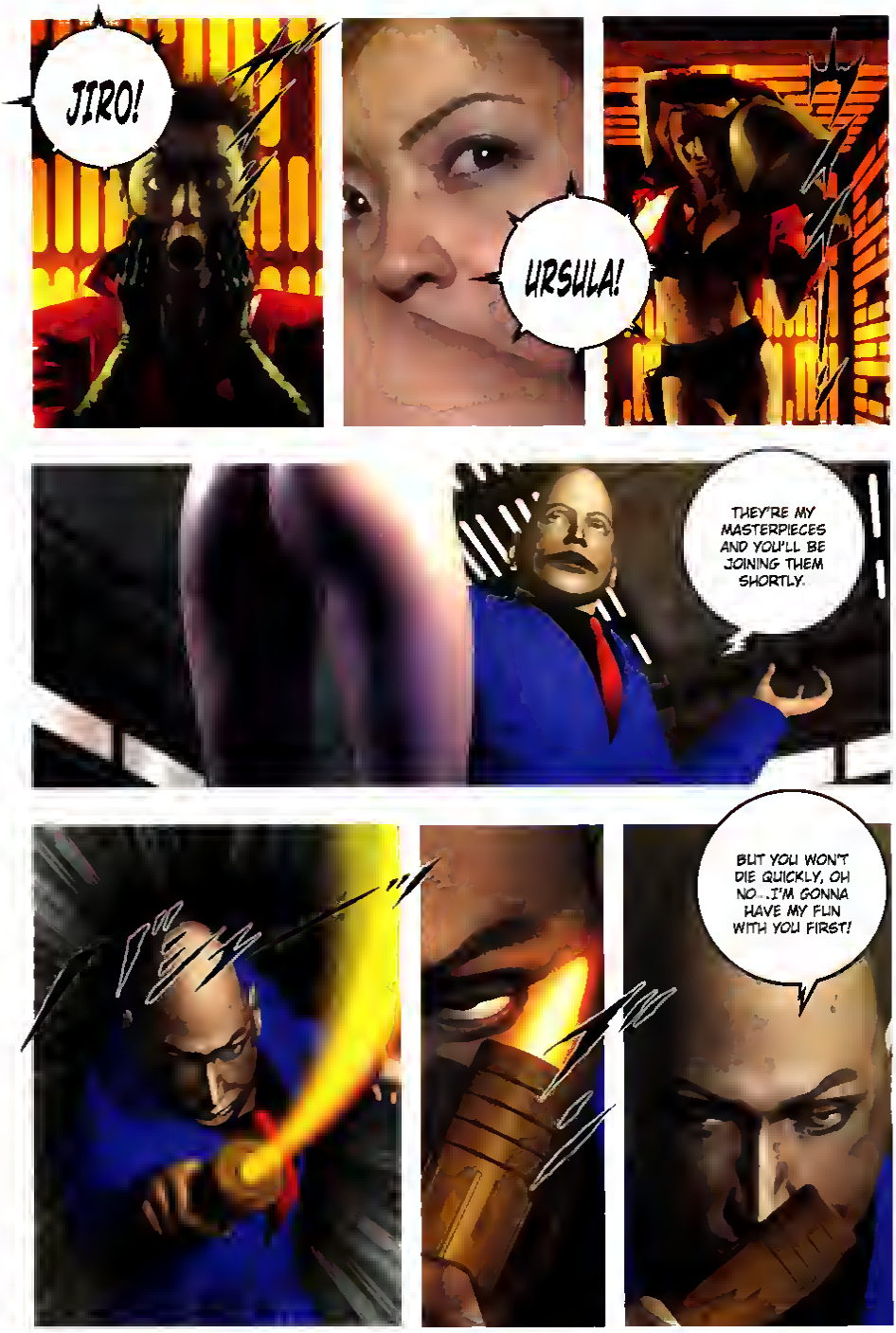
OH, YOU REMEMBER ME! THAT'S SUCH AN HONOR, SIGMA!

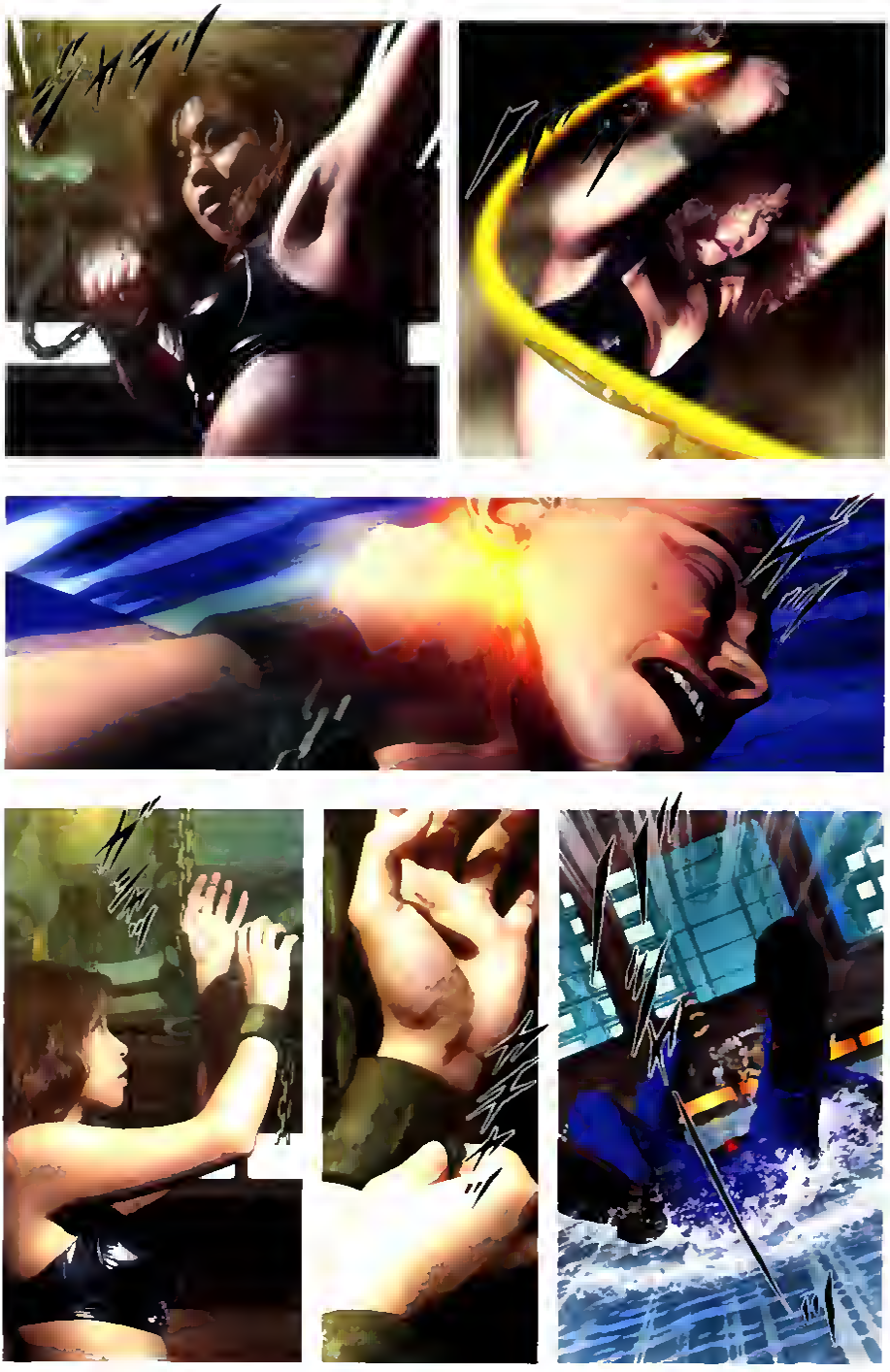
DEVA...!!

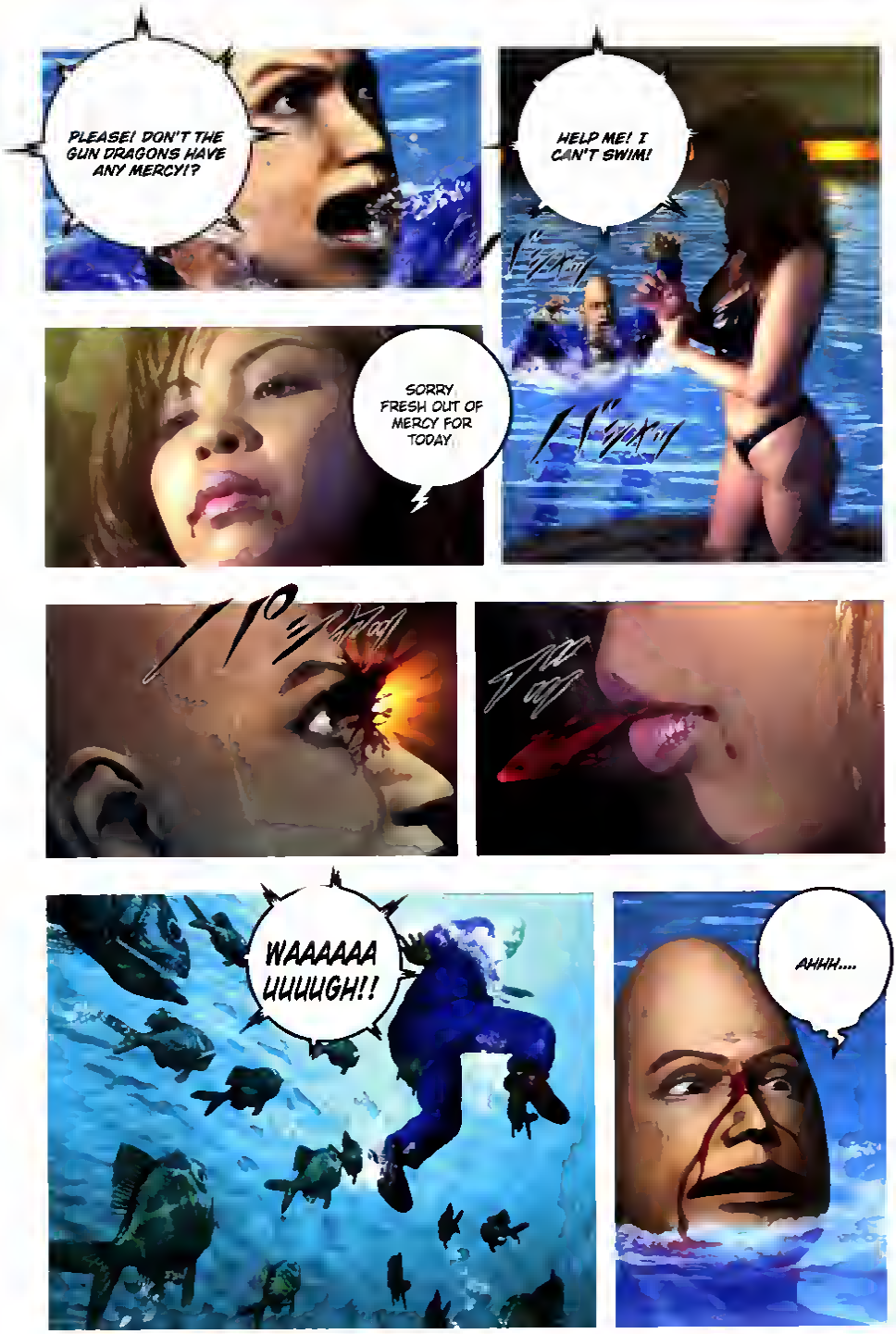

IS SCHOOL CLOSED TODAY, KID?
CHEEKY LITTLE BITCH, AREN'T YOU!?
YEAH, NICE SUIT ALRIGHT---WAS IT A HAND ME DOWN FROM YOUR BOSS?
YOU'D BETTER NOT GET MY CLOTHES DIRTY. THIS SUIT'S A PRICEY ONE!

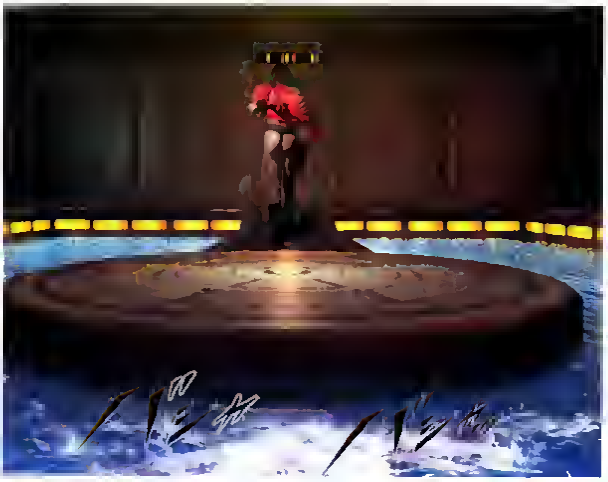
I MAY NOT LOOK IT, BUT I'M THE ATTACHE TO THE EMBASSY NOW!
YOU'D BETTER WATCH YOUR MOUTH.
THAT'S A SURPRISE ALRIGHT. YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY FROM YOUR HOODLUM DAYS.
THE GUN DRAGONS HAVE BEEN LOOKING HIGH AND LOW FOR YOU.
YOU'RE WANTED FOR ASSAULT, EXTORTION, DRUG TRAFFICKING, MURDER...

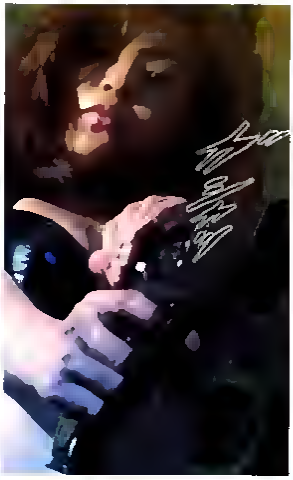
LOOK RIGHT OVER THERE
HAHAHAHAHA...I'M NOT AFRAID OF ANY PATHETIC GUN DRAGON!
IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE GUN DRAGONS CATCH YOU
ROBERT!

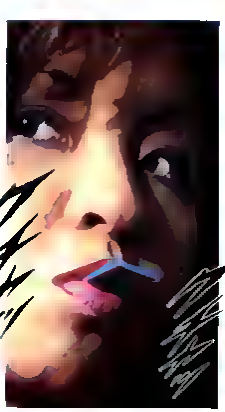

JIRO!
URSULA!
THEY'RE MY MASTERPIECES AND YOU'LL BE JOINING THEM SHORTLY.
BUT YOU WON'T DIE QUICKLY, OH NO...I'M GONNA HAVE MY FUN WITH YOU FIRST!

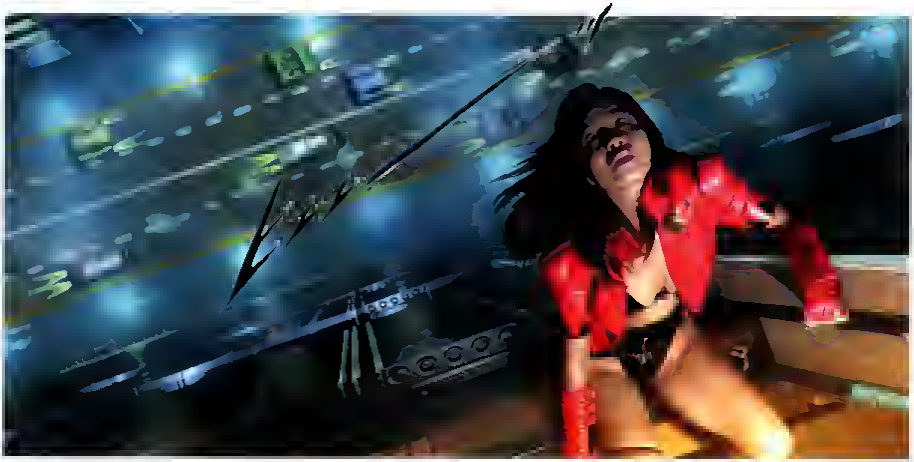


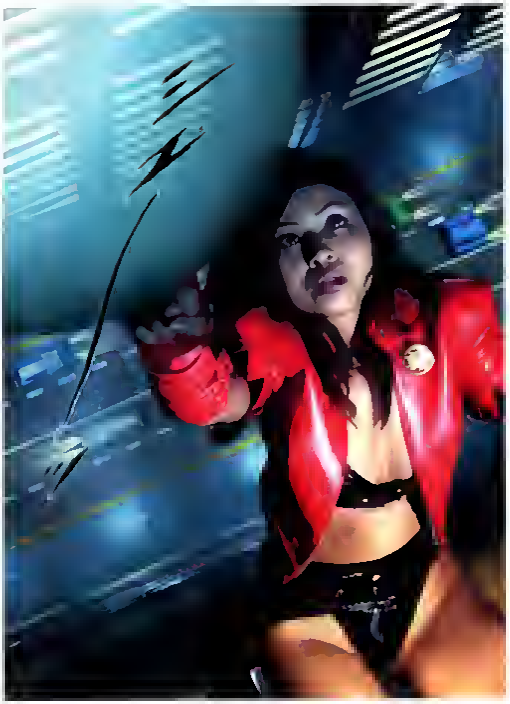

PLEASE! DON'T THE GUN DRAGONS HAVE ANY MERCY!?
HELP ME! I CAN'T SWIM!
SORRY FRESH OUT OF MERCY FOR TODAY
WAAAAAA UUUUGH!!
AHHH....



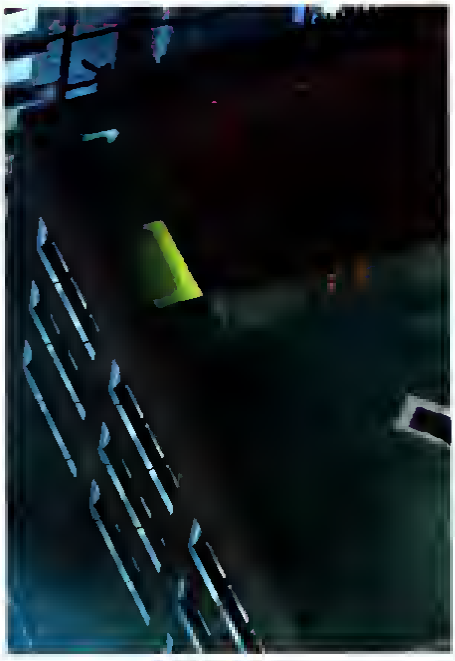


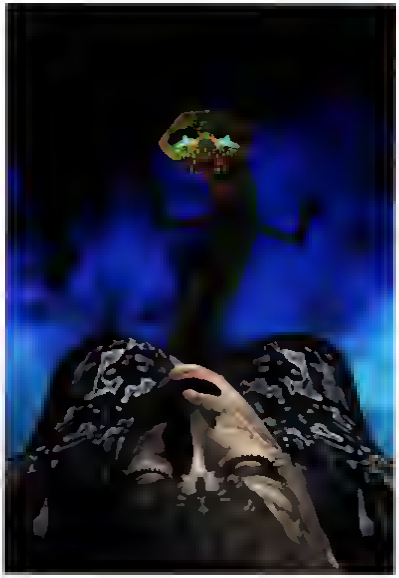






NO...!!
STAY AWAY
FROM ME!





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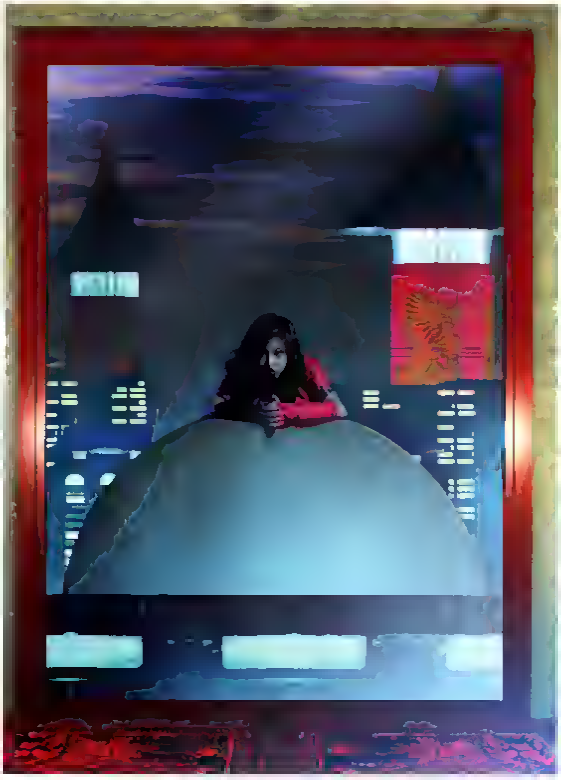
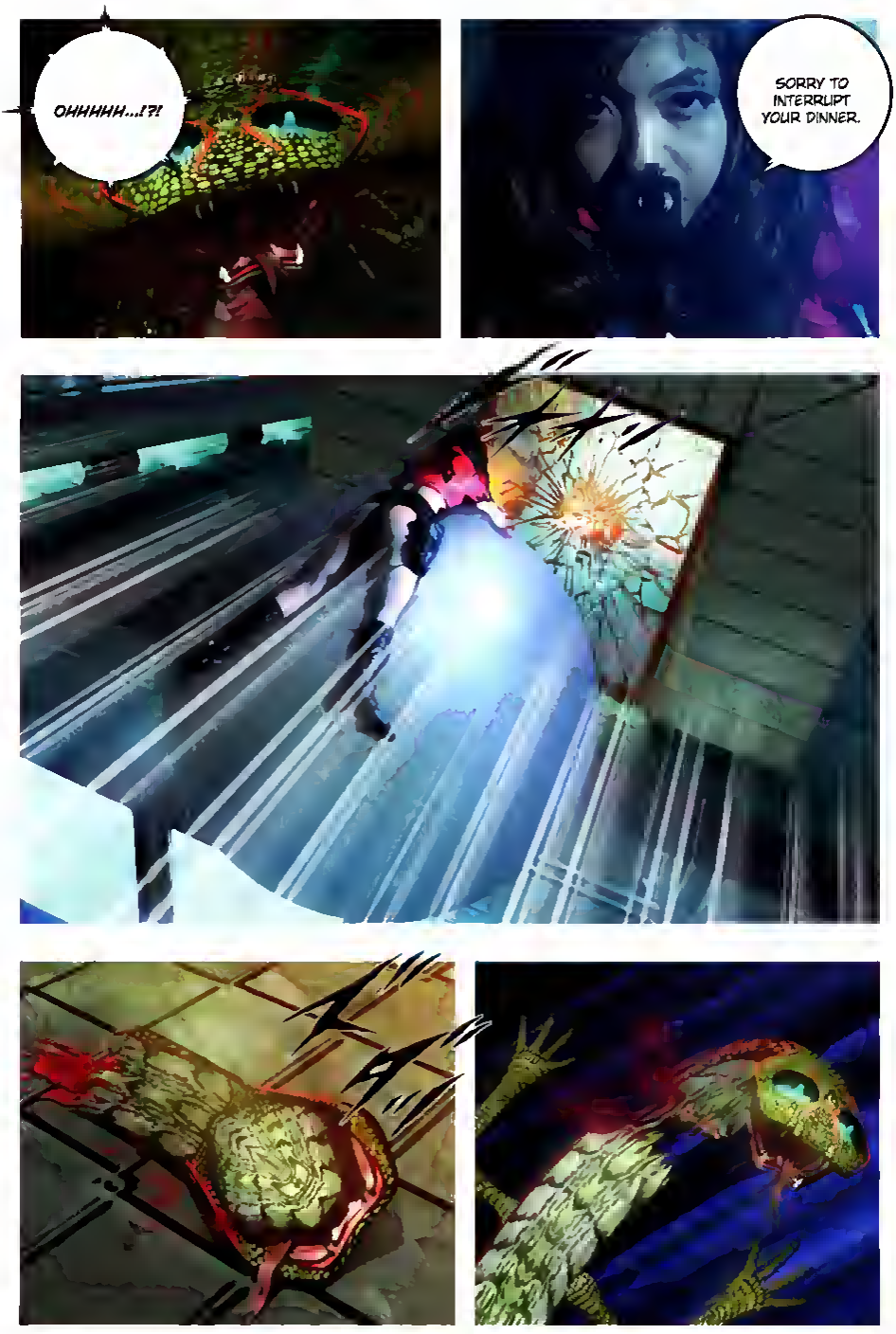
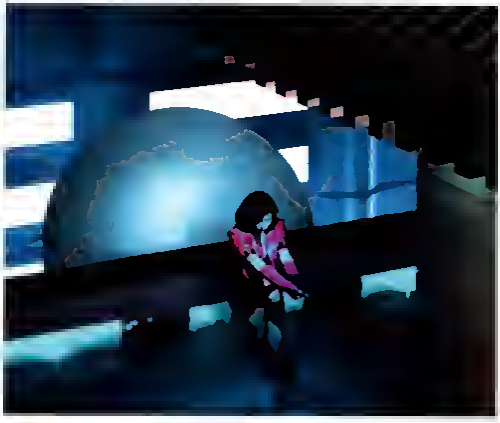
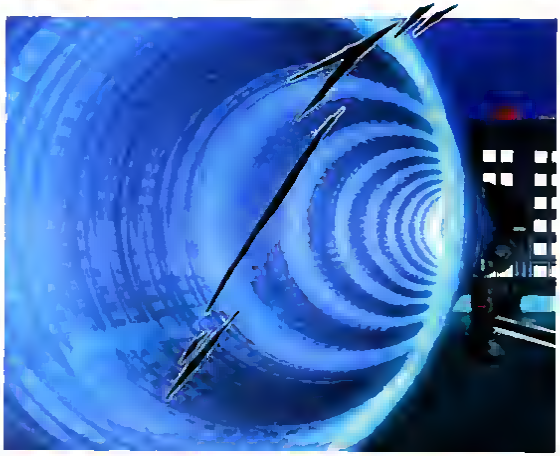
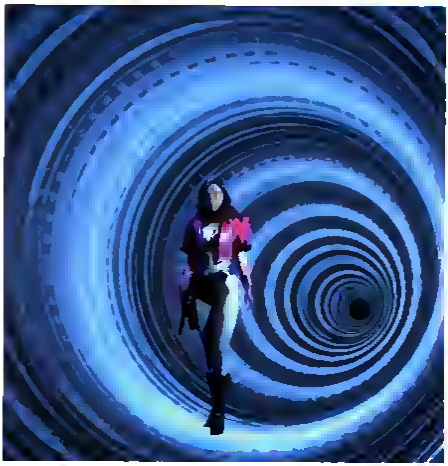


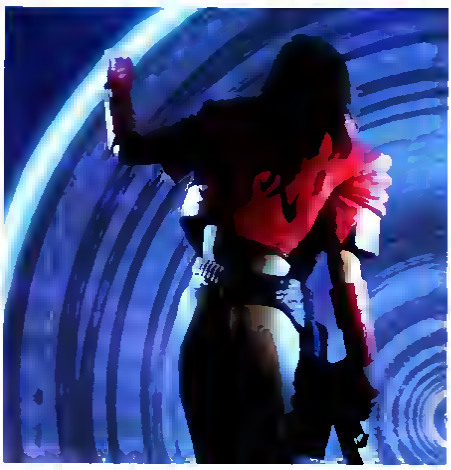

OHHHHH...!?!
SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOUR DINNER.

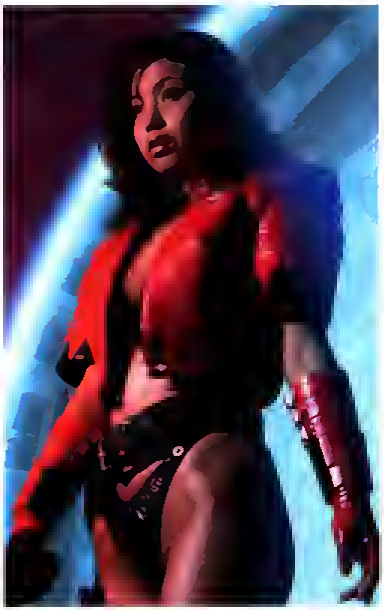


THE DIMENSIONAL TUNNEL IS OPEN!



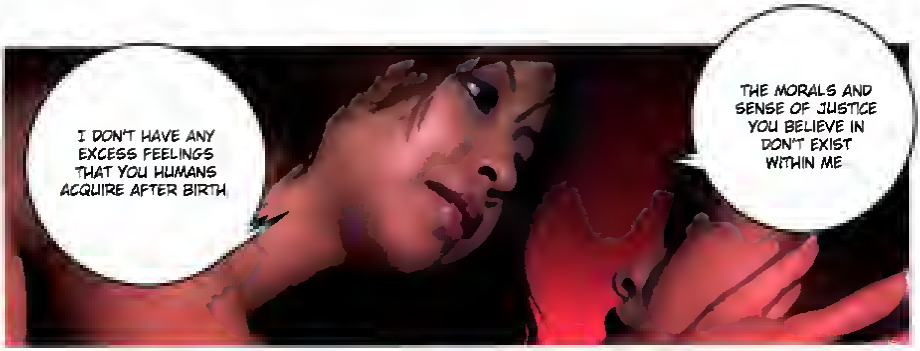


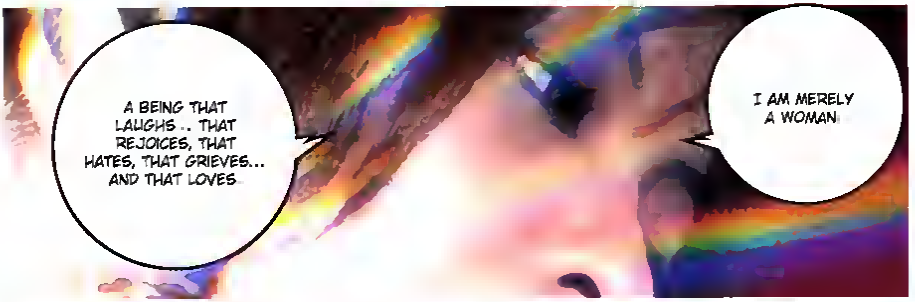


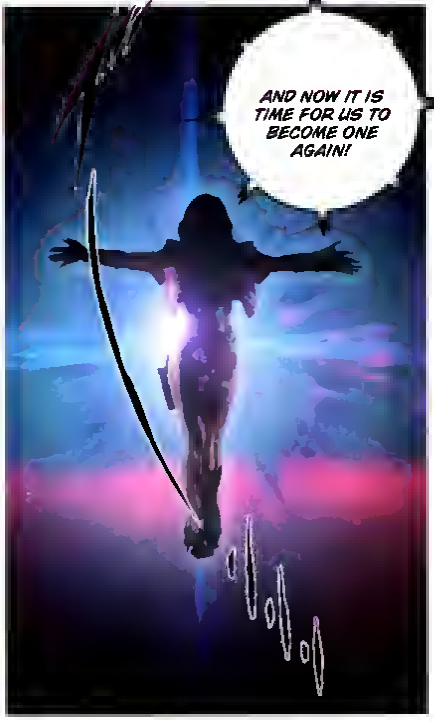


THIS...IS JUST LIKE MY DREAM!

YOU'RE...!
DON'T YOU REMEMBER? WE SPLIT IN TWO IN THE DIMENSIONAL TUNNEL ORIGINALLY.
I AM YOUR SHADOW... OR PERHAPS YOU'RE MINE.
AND I AM THE PURE AND INNOCENT PART OF YOU.


I DON'T HAVE ANY EXCESS FEELINGS THAT YOU HUMANS ACQUIRE AFTER BIRTH
THE MORALS AND SENSE OF JUSTICE YOU BELIEVE IN DON'T EXIST WITHIN ME


A BEING THAT LAUGHS .. THAT REJOICES, THAT HATES, THAT GRIEVES... AND THAT LOVES
I AM MERELY A WOMAN


AND NOW IT IS TIME FOR US TO BECOME ONE AGAIN!

SIGMA... NOW THAT WE HAVE FUSED TOGETHER, YOU SHOULD KNOW...
HOW STRONGLY AND DEEPLY I LOVE HIM!
AND YOU SHALL LOVE HIM AS WELL!

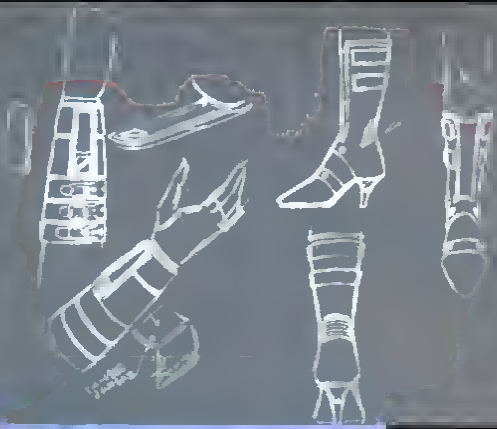
YOU'RE RIGHT. I LOVE YOU. SO MUCH THAT IT DRIVES ME INSANE..
BECAUSE YOU LOVE ME!
YOU CANNOT KILL ME.

AND HE WAS THE ONE WHO LEAKED THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE BLACK HOLE TO THE GUN DRAGONS. AS PARADOXICAL AS IT MAY SEEM, THAT IS HOW HIS RACE DOES THINGS
IT WAS THAT "LEGENDARY LIFEFORM" THAT BROUGHT THE MINIATURE BLACK HOLE TO EARTH...
I FELT LIKE I FAINTLY UNDERSTOOD WHEN I UNITED WITH MY OTHER SELF...
WHAT DOES HE...OR HIS RACE...WANT?
AND THEIR PRICE IS THE GRAND DRAMA OF "HISTORY" THAT WE PLAY OUT AS A RESULT OF THAT KNOWLEDGE
THEIR PRODUCT IS KNOWLEDGE... THEY WILL GIVE YOU ANYTHING YOU ASK FOR, WHETHER IT BE BEAUTIFUL OR EVIL

WAR AND DESTRUCTION...JOY AND LAUGHTER... SORROW, HATRED, AND ROMANCE.
THEIR ONE DESIRE IS TO MAKE THE HISTORY OF THIS UNIVERSE MORE DRAMATIC
BUT HE NEVER REALIZED HE'D MADE A FATAL MISTAKE.
IT MAY HAVE BEEN THIS RACE THAT GAVE EVE THE FORBIDDEN FRUIT IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN.
BUT NOT EVEN I KNOW WHAT IT IS... NOT YET, ANYWAY.
THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING IN MY SOUL THAT WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN LOVE.

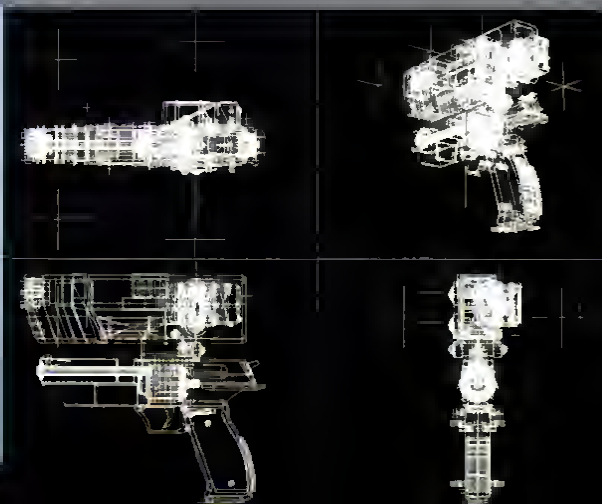
making of GUN DRAGON

FIGHTER'S COSTUME DESIGNS

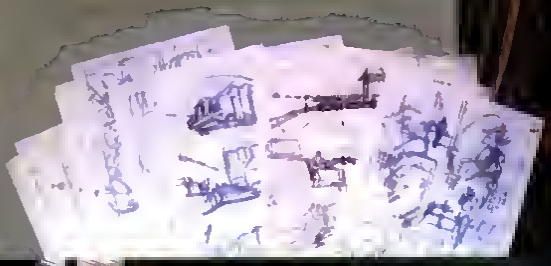


PRODUCTION ON GUN DRAGON Σ BEGAN IN THE SPRING OF '98. THE COSTUMES AND WEAPONS WERE MADE BY COSTUME CREATORS AND SPECIAL PROP CREATORS BASED ON THE DESIGNS.

Σ'S GUN (BLACK EAGLE)
MR. PIERRE SUGITA, WHO PRODUCES SPECIAL MAKEUP AND PROPS, BUILT A THICK AND HEAVY LOOKING MODEL GUN BASED ON THE CG DESIGNS.



THE 150 PAGES OF STORYBOARDING WERE COMPLETED BEFORE THE SHOOTING BEGAN. IN A NORMAL MANGA, THESE WOULD ONLY NEED TO BE INKED, BUT FOR GUN DRAGON, THESE WERE NO MORE THAN BLUEPRINTS. THE REAL WORK HAS YET TO COME.



Yinling of JOYTOY

BORN IN TAIPEI, ROC,
ON FEBRUARY 15TH, 1976
BLOOD TYPE: B
T162/B86 (E)/W59/H89/S23.5CM

HOLDING A PRACTICAL SKILLS BRIEFING WITH YINLING, WHO PLAYS Σ, BASED ON THE STORYBOARDS (TERASAWA, A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN SHOOTING CLUB, PASSIONATELY TEACHES HER HOW TO FIRE A GUN).

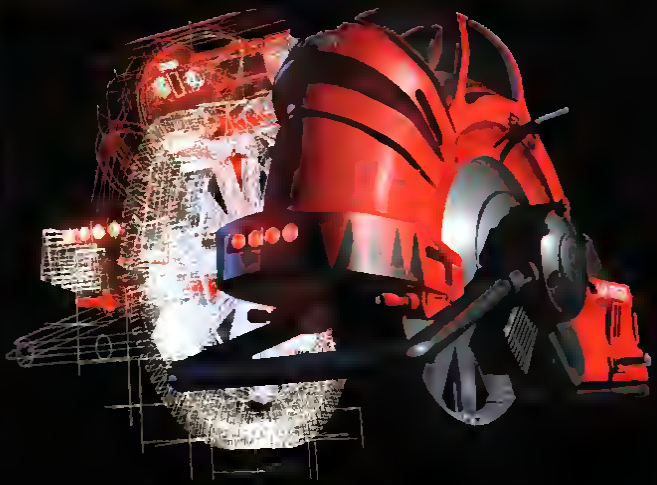
YINLING, YOUR SMILE IS WAY TOO CUTE. THAT'S WHY I MADE THE MAIN CHARACTER AN EXPRESSIONLESS NIHILIST. THANK YOU FOR PLAYING THE PART THROUGH TO THE END (TERASAWA).

SHOOTING OF Σ BEGINS IN THE SUMMER OF '98. THE CAMERA USED FOR CG COMPOSITING IS A SINGLE-LENS DIGITAL CAMERA (MINOLTA RD-175). THE SHOOTING LASTED ABOUT A MONTH, AND ABOUT 6000 STILLS WERE TAKEN. (DURING THE SHOOTING, TERASAWA PUT HIS TWO FEMALE ASSISTANTS AT TERASAWA PRODUCTIONS IN CHARGE OF THE LIGHTING)

THE BACKGROUNDS AND CHARACTERS OF GUN DRAGON Σ ARE ALL 3D COMPUTER GRAPHICS.

A SCENE OF A BACK ALLEY IN DEJIMA. THE SIZES OF THE BUILDINGS, CARS, AND PEOPLE ARE CALCULATED TO BE PROPORTIONAL TO EACH OTHER.

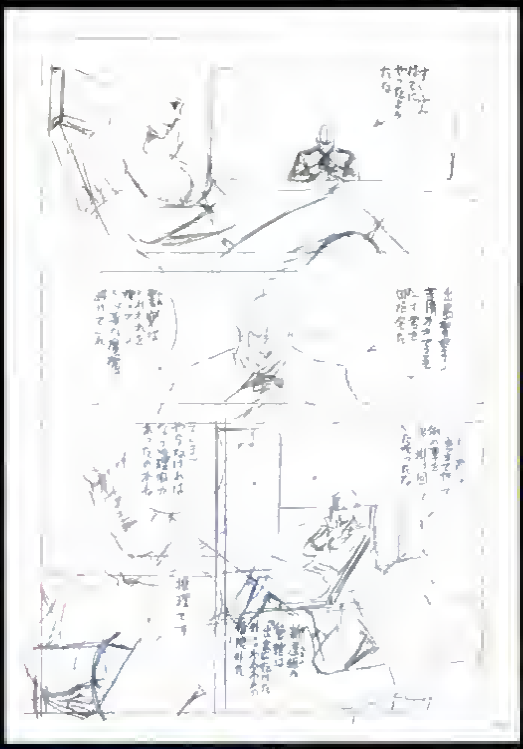
A ONE-WHEEL BIKE RIDDEN BY THE GUN DRAGON FIGHTERS.



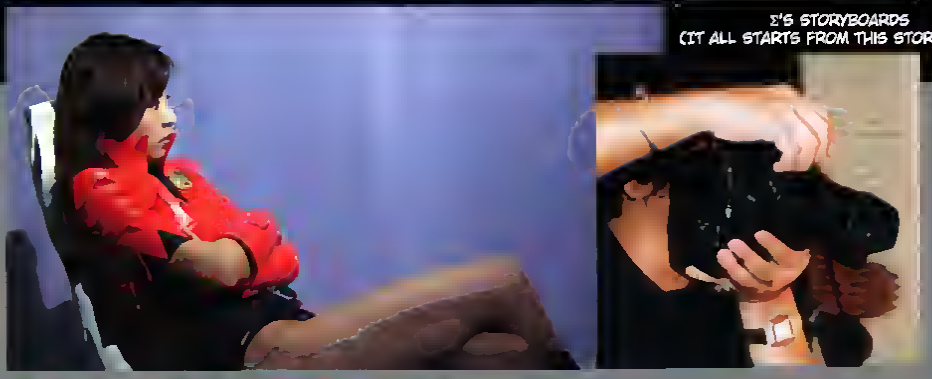
THE BACKGROUNDS AND CHARACTERS ARE ALL 3DCG, AND THE MAIN CHARACTER IS PHOTOGRAPHED... THIS IS PROBABLY THE FIRST COMIC IN THE WORLD TO ATTEMPT THIS FORMAT. I WANT THIS MANGA TO PROVE THAT JAPANESE MANGA HAVE MORE POSSIBILITIES IN TERMS OF ENTERTAINMENT THAN HOLLYWOOD MOVIES. IS GUN DRAGON Σ A MANGA? IS IT A MOVIE? THERE ISN'T EVEN A BOUNDARY BETWEEN THEM... I BELIEVE THAT THIS IS THE POSSIBILITY, THE DIVERSITY, AND THE POWER OF MANGA.

How to make「GUN DRAGONΣ」

HAVE AN ACTING MEETING WITH Σ BASED ON THE STORYBOARDS. THE POSITION, ANGLE, AND STRENGTH OF THE LIGHTING IS DECIDED BASED ON THE STORYBOARD (WE USED ABOUT 2 OR 3 LIGHTS). THE DIRECTION OF THE SHADOWS BECOMES ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT WHEN COMPOSITING IT WITH THE BACKGROUND CG.

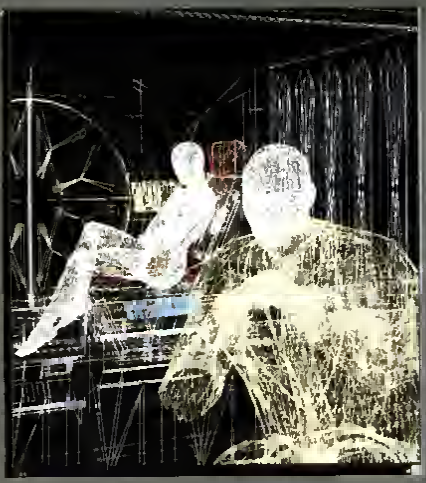


Σ'S STORYBOARDS
(IT ALL STARTS FROM THIS STORYBOARD)

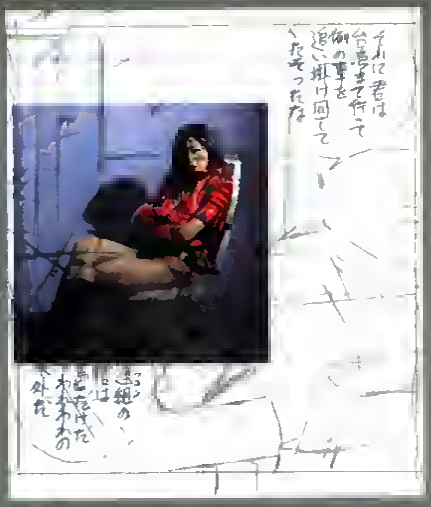


PHOTOGRAPHS SHOT FOR EACH PANEL OF THE STORYBOARD

2) TAKE THE PHOTOGRAPHS
DECIDE ON THE POSES BY RECALLING THE COMPOSITIONS YOU DREW IN THE STORYBOARD AND SUPERIMPOSING IT WITH THE PERSON IN FRONT OF YOU. TAKE THE PHOTOGRAPHS AS THE STORYBOARDS SAY, PAYING CLOSE ATTENTION TO PERSPECTIVE. (HAVE THE MAIN CHARACTER SAY HER LINES WHILE SHOOTING TO MAKE THE EXPRESSIONS MORE NATURAL)



4) CREATE THE BACKGROUND AND OTHER CHARACTER (KONDO) WITH 3DCG (A DUMMY IS INSERTED IN Σ'S POSITION) THE POSITION OF SHADOWS AND PERSPECTIVE OF THE BACKGROUNDS ARE ALSO DECIDED BASED ON THE STORYBOARDS



3) [illegible]MPOSE THE PHOTOGRAPHS WITH THE STORYBOARDS. MOST OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS HAVE POSES STRAIGHT FROM THE STORYBOARDS

6) ADD THE PHOTOGRAPH TO THE BACKGROUND. ADD FILTERS TO BLEND IT IN TO THE OVERALL PICTURE, AND THE PANEL IS COMPLETE.

5) DECIDE THE MATERIAL THE ROOM IS MADE OF, AND CALCULATE THE STRENGTH OF THE LIGHTING TO MAKE A CLEAR DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE FOREGROUND AND THE BACKGROUND.

BUICHI TERASAWA

WITH STAFF	BLACK SHEEP
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	HISAKO MATSUOKA
	EIJI BAN
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